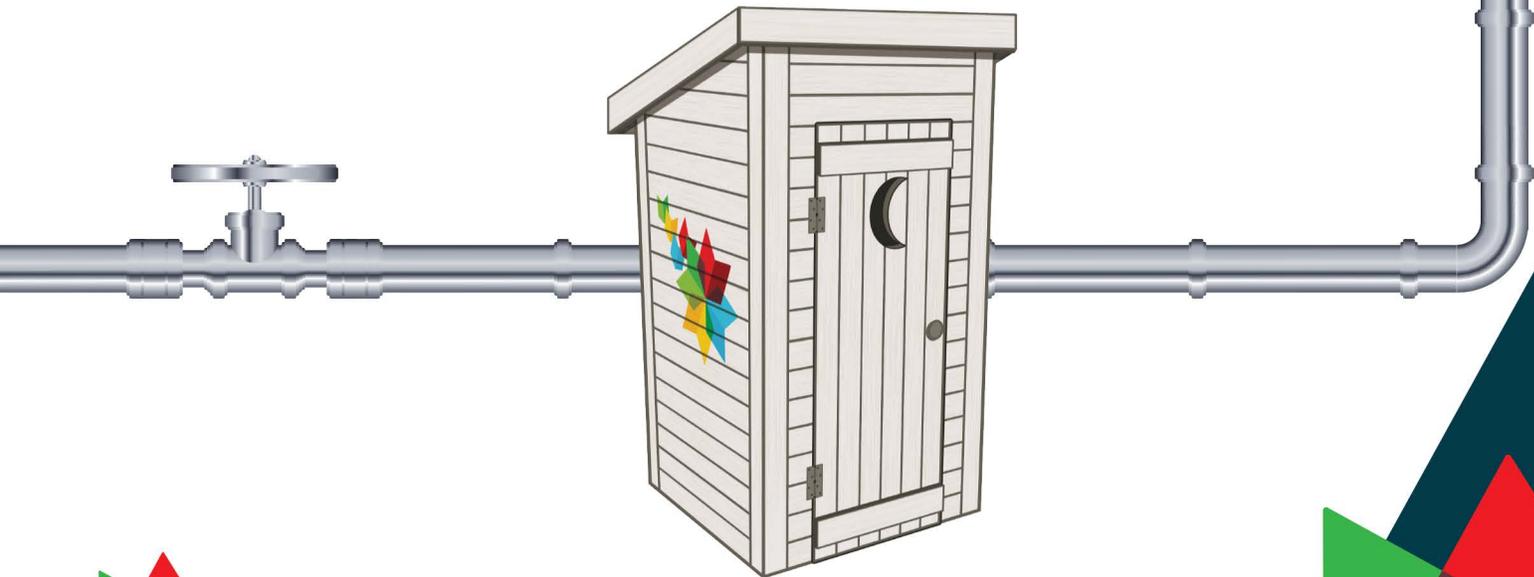




**BISMARCK VETERANS MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# **RESTROOM RENOVATION CAMPAIGN**

***We're Ready to Go!***



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## CIRCLING THE DRAIN: AN OVERDUE OVERHAUL

Have you been in the **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library (BVMPL) public restrooms** recently? If so, you won't be surprised to learn that they haven't been renovated in roughly 40 years. **They are worn, drab, and not fully accessible to many of our community members.**

Here's a short list of issues with BVMPL's restrooms:

- Lack of push-button automatic door openers
- Impractical layouts that are difficult to navigate for patrons with mobility limitations
- Damaged fixtures and tile
- Aging tile floors that are challenging to clean and maintain.

## LIVING OUR VALUES

On an average day in 2024, 732 patrons visited the BVMPL! Our building is heavily used: inviting, accessible restrooms are a basic human need and an essential element of vibrant public spaces. When you turn on the faucet of generosity, you join a coalition of supporters committed to BVMPL's **"You Belong Here"** ethos.



## IN 2024, THERE WERE...



**259,702**

Visits to the Library



**31,651**

Attendees at  
Library Events



**94,586**

Sessions on Public  
Computers or Wi-Fi

***"The library takes pride in being a welcoming place for all. Updated restrooms, though not a flashy project, will go a long way in making the space feel welcoming and inviting people in with great-looking aesthetics."***

**- Sarah Matthews, Head of Adult Services**

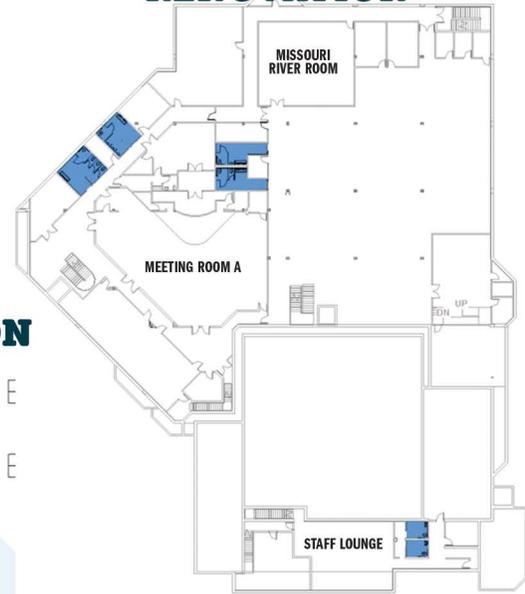


# EVERYTHING INCLUDING THE BATHROOM SINK

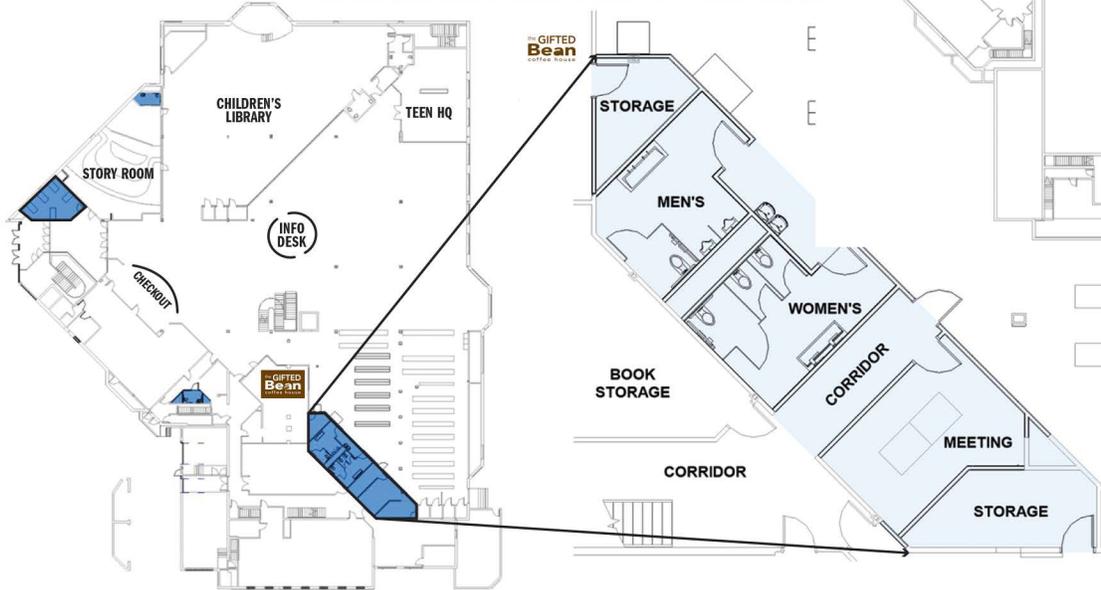
With your support, BVMPL will complete a **top-to-bottom renovation of the building's restrooms**, comprising:

- 2 main-floor public restrooms
- 4 lower-level public restrooms
- 6 staff restrooms

## LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION



## MAIN LEVEL RENOVATION



Every updated public restroom will meet the standard of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and **be fully accessible to all members of our community**. Additionally, **the modern, durable design** signifies that patrons are valued and welcome. Each restroom will be outfitted with:

- Push-button, automatic door openers
- Hands-free fixtures
- More spacious, accessible layouts and stalls
- Non-slip, easy-to-clean floors
- Grab bars in stalls



## ON THE LEADING RIM

BVMPL's primary public restrooms, currently located near the main entrance, will be relocated to a larger area within the main library space. As a result, **the restroom renovation project opens up the current location for an innovative new use.**

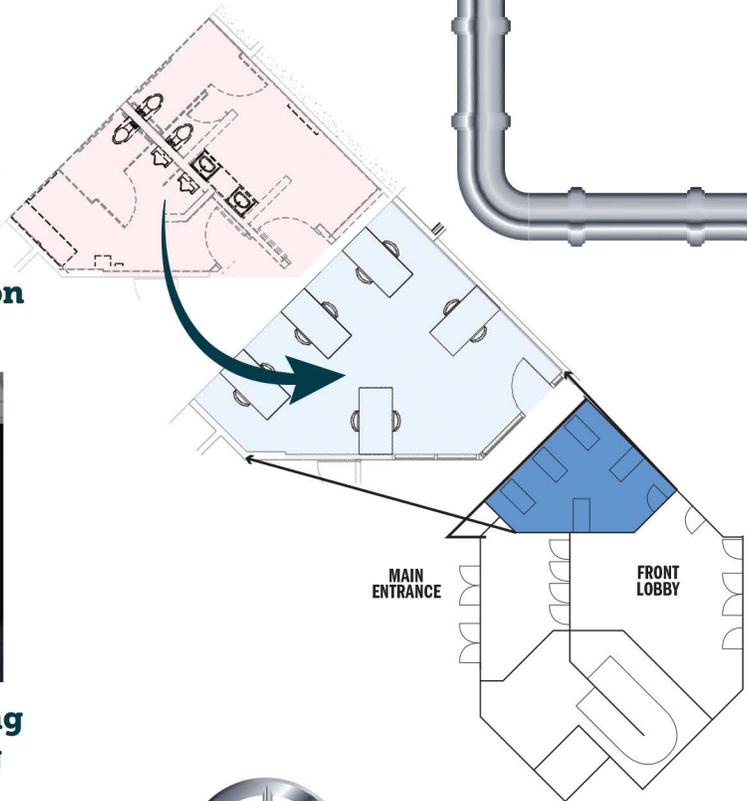


Across the country, **forward-thinking libraries like BVMPL are integrating social services into their offerings.**

BVMPL is enhancing its commitment to social service organizations by building a public space where providers can reach and assist members of our community.

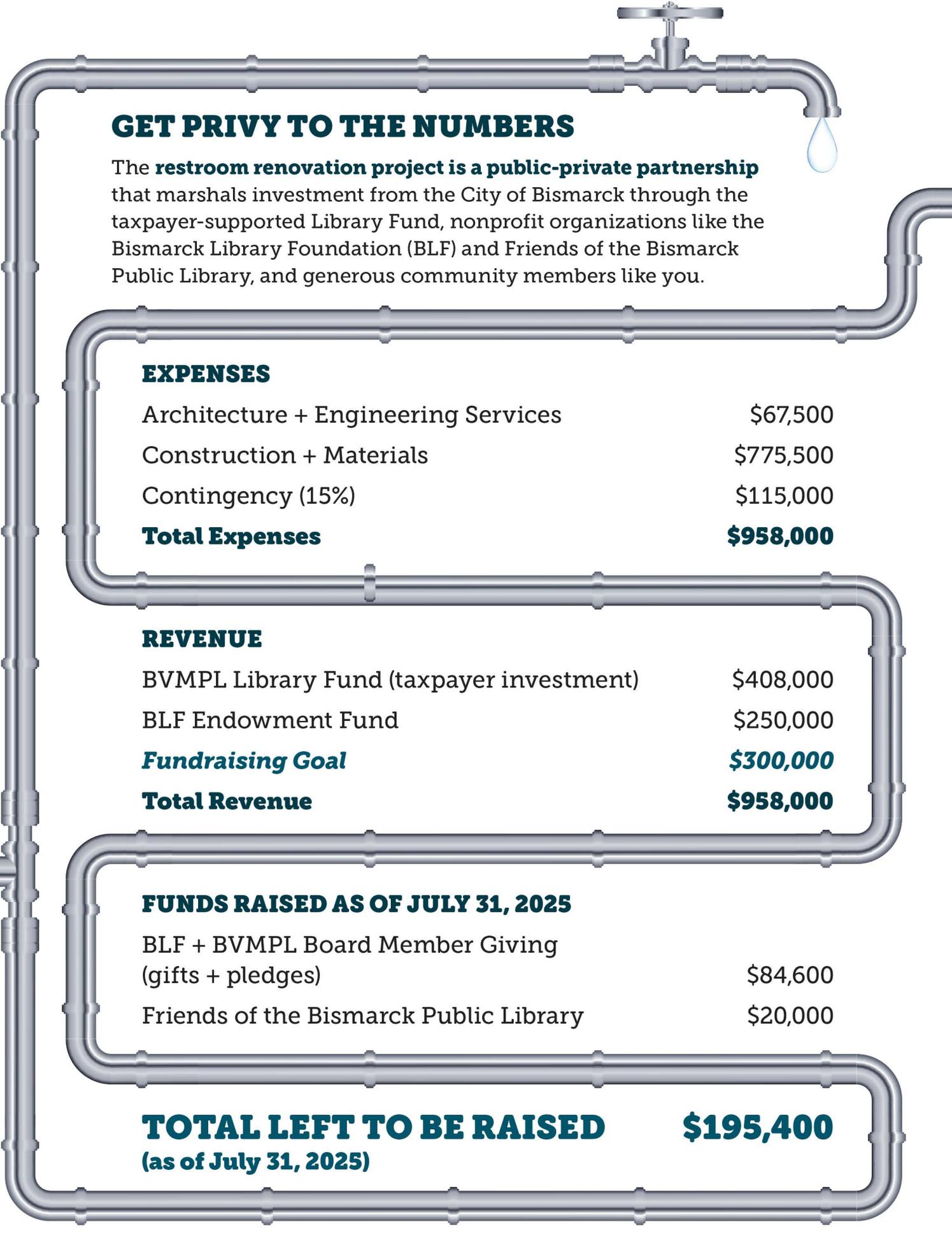


Bismarck-Burleigh County social service agencies will be invited to utilize this space to connect patrons with stable housing, healthy food, employment, healthcare, and other vital resources. This collaboration with our community's social service agencies will **support the well-being of patrons and our community** while also allowing librarians to focus on their primary duties.



**"Our current bathrooms were built in 1987 with an assumed life of 15-20 years. Now, things are wearing out. There are drippy faucets, plugged drains, broken faucet handles, and beat-up stalls. And they weren't designed for people who have a hard time getting around. The new restrooms will be accessible and easier to maintain with automatic fixtures and doors. Things have come a long way in 38 years!"**

**- Lynn Bryntesen,  
Building and Grounds Manager**



## GET PRIVY TO THE NUMBERS

The **restroom renovation project is a public-private partnership** that marshals investment from the City of Bismarck through the taxpayer-supported Library Fund, nonprofit organizations like the Bismarck Library Foundation (BLF) and Friends of the Bismarck Public Library, and generous community members like you.

### EXPENSES

Architecture + Engineering Services	\$67,500
Construction + Materials	\$775,500
Contingency (15%)	\$115,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$958,000</b>

### REVENUE

BVMPL Library Fund (taxpayer investment)	\$408,000
BLF Endowment Fund	\$250,000
<b>Fundraising Goal</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$958,000</b>

### FUNDS RAISED AS OF JULY 31, 2025

BLF + BVMPL Board Member Giving (gifts + pledges)	\$84,600
Friends of the Bismarck Public Library	\$20,000

**TOTAL LEFT TO BE RAISED** **\$195,400**  
(as of July 31, 2025)

***"Accessibility needs to be everywhere for everyone. People don't realize it's a simple thing to need to use the bathroom. But if you can't, it says you're not welcome. I have mobility limitations, and the current library bathrooms give me the feeling that I don't want to go there. Making them accessible will transform this message. It says everybody is welcome. It says come in, stay, and explore all the things you can do at the library."***

**- Jillian, ADA Advocate and Former BVMPL Volunteer**



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## **BISMARCK LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC.: PLUNGING INTO ANOTHER CAPITAL PROJECT**

Founded in 1975, the Bismarck Library Foundation's mission is to enrich publicly-funded library services by raising private funds to enhance collections, resources, and facilities. We believe that great libraries build great communities. Basic library services are supported by tax revenue. The Bismarck Library Foundation's primary function is to facilitate enhanced private support, including prior capital campaigns for the transformative renovation of the Children's Library in 2009, a dynamic and welcoming Teen Center in 2016, and the new Burleigh County Bookmobile in 2020.

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