



Saint Paul
Public Library

Rondo Community Library Update

Presentation to Library Board

June 3, 2026

Rondo Community Library updates

- Community engagement report
- Updated building plans
- Upcoming events



Engagement

- Updates to entryway
- Tech rich spaces
- Play and Learn updates
 - Play and Learn construction bid going out in June 2026

We Want to Hear from You! ¡Queremos saber de ti!

The Rondo Library is getting a refresh!

Saint Paul Public Library wants your input as we plan the next round of updates. Your ideas and experiences will help us create spaces that better support how you and your community use the library.

¡La Biblioteca Rondo se está renovando!
La Biblioteca Pública de Saint Paul agradece su opinión para planificar la próxima ronda de actualizaciones. Sus ideas y experiencias nos ayudarán a crear espacios que mejoren el uso que usted y su comunidad hacen de la biblioteca.

We're Looking for your feedback!

Help us understand how you would find them most useful by visiting these boards and using the stickers to vote. Sticky notes are available for you to write more ideas / comments!

Su opinión nos interesa
Para ayudarnos a entender cómo les resultaría más útiles, visite estos tableros y use los stickers para votar.

- 1 **Four New Study and Meeting Rooms**
Cuatro nuevas salas de estudio y reuniones
- 2 **Expanded Community Meeting Space with Upgraded Audio Visual Equipment**
Espacio de reunión comunitaria ampliado con equipo audiovisual mejorado
- 3 **Larger Welcoming Library Entrance and Market Place**
Entrada más grande y acogedora a la biblioteca y al mercado
- 4 **New Wellness Room**
Nueva sala de bienestar
- 5 **Safe and Inclusive Restrooms**
Baños seguros e inclusivos



Library Floor Plan

MSRDesign

Engagement highlights

- E-mailed tech-rich questions to 1,500 Rondo Community meeting rooms users
- Regularly e-mail over 5,500 Rondo Community patrons with project updates and invitations to provide feedback, attend events
- Four Coffee and Community sessions, specifically focusing on library programs, space updates
- Three focus groups with Rondo elders, Homework center families
- Three staff input sessions
- Collected long-form surveys from community members

Engagement



What we heard

- Lobby changes—make the space feel like a library when entering (books, calm colors, wayfinding)
- Restroom changes—many thoughts about keys, wait times
- Quiet space additions—requests for prayer space, lactation space, quiet space
 - Flexible spaces to accommodate needs above
 - Updated study spaces for individuals and small groups
 - Wayfinding (for meeting rooms, holds pick up, and more) and clarity on public space guidelines

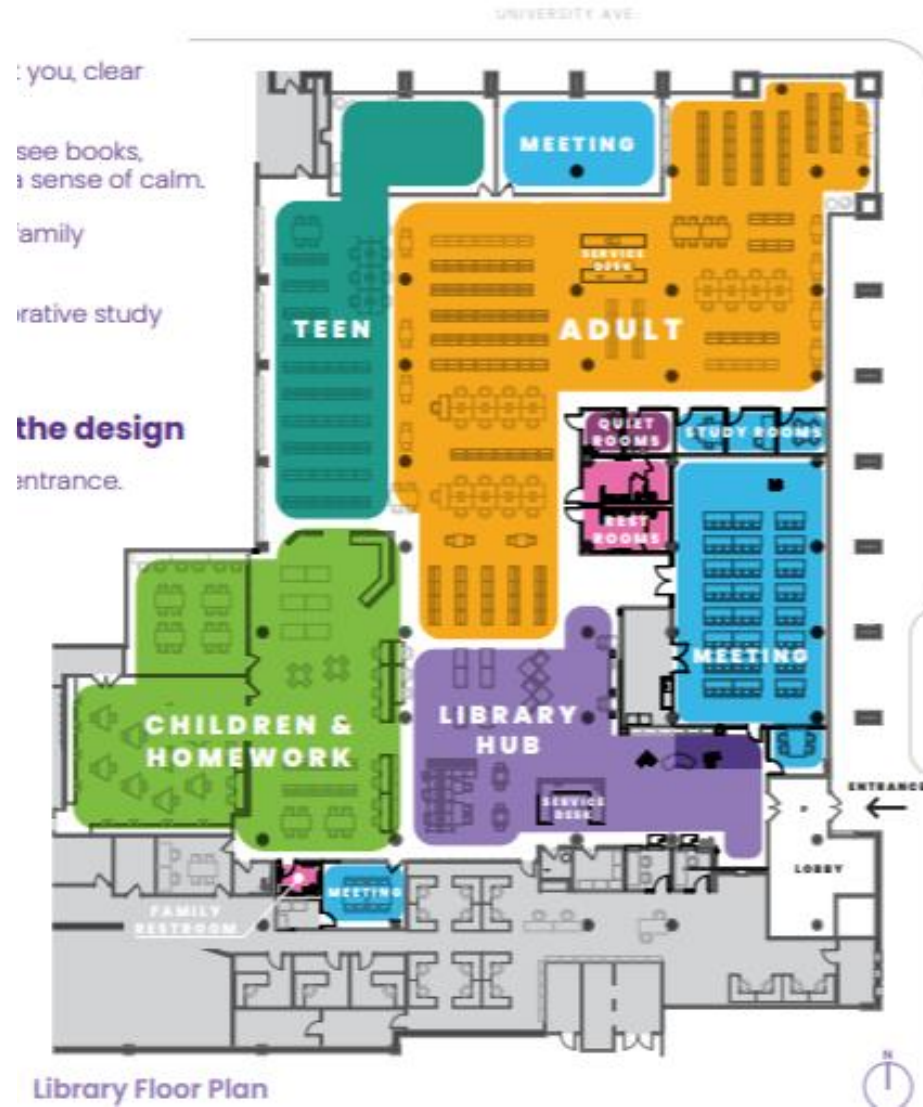
Feedback incorporated into updated plans

- From staff - changed location and number of single-stall restrooms
 - Relocated proposed teen area
 - Added outer restroom door on entrance to multistall restrooms
- In response to tech-rich survey feedback, added storage closet and removed moveable wall for better soundproofing
 - Will include easy to use monitors, new flexible tables, and lightweight chairs in most meeting rooms
 - Will include easy access to cleaning supplies
- In response to family survey, will add areas to Play and Learn space for active play AND quiet reading
 - Greater separation between children and adult areas

Engagement

- **Think of a public space that feels welcoming. What makes it feel welcoming to you?**
 - “People who greet you. Book displays that celebrate different identities and cultures, seasonally. Resources that meet different needs.”
- **What makes a space feel like a library when you walk in?**
 - “Friendly, welcoming staff, fun book displays, wayfinding on where to find holds, meeting rooms, bathrooms, where to return books.”

Floor plan



Lobby



Study rooms



Timelines

- Construction bid awarded, contract underway
- On track to re-open the library in late 2026
- Plan includes two public art projects, one a mural/wallcovering in lobby
 - Call for artists slated for late summer

Upcoming programs at Rondo @ HQB

- Community update session
Tuesday, June 9, 5-6:30 p.m.,
Clubroom C
- Weaving Connection through
Art with Briauna Williams,
Saturday, June 13, 3-5 p.m.
- Rondo Legacies: Through the
Generations, first event Frank
White: Baseball as Culture,
Tuesday, June 23, 5:30-7 p.m.

