

# CITY OF DULUTH LIBRARY AND WORKFORCE CENTER REDESIGN PROJECT



## CURRENT SITUATION

In 1980, the current downtown Main Library opened after a years-long process of fundraising and public input. Once hailed as a site of innovation and technology, the building is now overdue for costly system upgrades due to being outdated and inadequate for our current library needs.

Duluth also lacks a common facility for community meetings and workshops, workforce training classes, access to services and technology, early education, and youth programming. It is believed that updates can be achieved more efficiently and cost effectively by rebuilding from the ground up.

## FUNDING

The City is pursuing State bonding money to support the vision to rebuild this regionally significant asset, one that currently serves residents from all around Northeastern Minnesota. The City is also seeking all other available funding sources at the State and Federal levels to invest in this project.

## VISION TO REBUILD

Since their inception, libraries have been places of innovation, technology, and belonging. One of the last free spaces to “just be” in today’s world, the library provides critical economic, cultural, educational, and social resources at no cost. As the socioeconomic landscape of our community and beyond changes, so do the needs of library users. In rebuilding and co-locating the library and CareerForce, we will position ourselves to create a more active and engaged community space in the heart of downtown Duluth.

Be sure to check [Duluthmn.gov/redesign](http://Duluthmn.gov/redesign) often  
for progress on this project.



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