

Construction Projects

Any homeowner knows that old houses need lots of upkeep and old mansions need even more. It's true of the 1896 Ford-MacNichol home and so it is with its across-the-street cousin, the 1897 Ford-Bacon home.

Throughout the years, as wind, rain, snow, ice and age have taken their toll, the venerable Queen Anne style structure has undergone more than half a dozen major renovations. Masonry and concrete work, roof replacements, new windows, a total renovation of the 1962 annex, a new wiring system, the implanting of a three level elevator and a geothermal heating system were all six figure projects that disrupted library operations, but were necessary upgrades.

The current construction is really two projects. Both sets of stairs off the back parking lot have been replaced with metal stairs. Awnings have been added to shield against rain and snow. The previous concrete stairs were crumbling largely as a result of the salt applied over many winters.

An even more involved project is the renovation of the front porch of the Ford-Bacon house. The entire veranda was wearing away from the foundation to the roof and will be restored. The columns also needed to be repaired and painted.

All of these endeavors will keep the building functional and preserve its stately appearance for another generation to enjoy.

The **Friends of Bacon Library** are an integral part of library operations. The funds they raise through memberships and fundraisers are utilized to augment the library's services and enhance the library buildings.

The Friends took a hiatus from holding meetings this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Friends take part in both Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards (NPO#92908). They also continually run a book sale currently located in the main library.

New members are always welcome! Membership forms are available at the library and on baconlibrary.org. Meetings are the 4th Monday of most months at 7:00pm.

We began this year offering curbside only services and expanded services and hours throughout the year to end the year with our services largely back to what was offered pre-pandemic. We also kept some new services that were introduced during this time including: online library card registration, curbside pickup of items, to-go craft and activity kits and an online form for local history requests.



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The Ford Bacon House - 1897

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A glance at our statistics

The year by the numbers:		OPERATING INCOME JULY 2020—JUNE 2021		OPERATING EXPENDITURES JULY 2020—JUNE 2021	
21	Employees				
84	Number of summer reading participants	Property Taxes	\$931,445	Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$504,513
101	Number of magazine and newspaper subscriptions				
2,808	Open hours this year	Federal Grants	\$3,878	Materials & Supplies	\$106,522
3,152	Number of craft/activity kits distributed to patrons				
5,079	Number of reference questions answered	State Aid (based on city population)	\$22,448	Utilities	\$34,472
7,685	Number of residents with library cards				
8,158	Number of DVDs in our Collection	Penal Fines	\$16,050	Contracted Services	\$126,384
10,860	Number of ancestry.com searches done by patrons				
11,967	Number of visitors	Library Fines and Fees	\$6,557	Business Insurance	\$18,212
16,930	Number of items borrowed from other libraries			Capital Expenditures	\$441,210
17,135	Items checked out through Overdrive and Hoopla	Interest	\$11,916		
24,896	Number of items loaned to other libraries			Other Expenditures	\$6,677
32,020	Visits to our website baconlibrary.org	Donations & Misc.	\$1,000		
49,745	Number of Books in our collection	Total Revenue	\$993,294	Total Operating Expenditures	\$1,238,156
83,036	Number of items checked out to patrons				

All data refers to 2020-21 Fiscal Year