



Dwight T. Parker Library Building Expansion/Renovation Project

100 Extraordinary Women Initiative

This fundraising initiative is an exciting and easy way to support an expanded

and renovated Library that will be the heart of our community and provide services to people of all ages. This project will finally accommodate the 21st century needs for our community. We are honored to have received a state grant of \$4.25 million, which will allow us to cover a large portion of the cost to renovate and expand the library. The extraordinary women of the Fennimore area will launch the campaign to raise the last of the funding needed to make this project a reality. The total estimated project cost is \$5,750,000. With grant funding and funds raised prior to the grant award, the capital campaign committee has a goal of raising an additional \$750,000 to complete the project.

100 Extraordinary Women is the first initiative of the capital campaign for the library project. All gifts and pledges made to the **100 Extraordinary Women** will help us jumpstart the campaign! The money we raise through this initiative will be prominently listed as sponsoring one specific area of the new library (the lobby). Each woman who pledges \$1,000 will have her name, or the name of someone she wants to honor or remember, listed prominently in this area. With only 100 women, we will raise \$100,000. **We hope to receive support from many more than 100 women!** We are so excited that we have received a generous, anonymous, donation toward the initiative that provides a matching donation for the donations of up to 100 women, so we anticipate raising at least \$200,000 of the \$750,000 campaign goal with just this one fundraiser. We already have over 80 pledges and donations.

Each of the Extraordinary Women gives a \$1,000 donation. Many women are dropping off a check for the full donation at the library. If necessary, however, it may be pledged over 5 years easily and safely on the 100EW website (www.100extraordinarywomen.com). Select the "Donate to Causes" button along the top of the screen and click on the picture of Fennimore's Library. You will have options for donating the full amount, \$200 per year or approximately \$17 per month.

- Women can join as individuals, listing their own name.
- Women can honor or remember a special woman.
- Women can form groups for one listing, e.g. family members, book clubs, etc.
- Men can honor or remember a woman who is important to them.

To generate more excitement for the building project and this very special way for women to come together, **we will be holding a celebration event, set for Wednesday, April 9th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30**

p.m. at the Niehaus Hall in Fennimore. The event is complimentary for those who participate in the ***100 Extraordinary Women*** initiative. There is one seat for each woman (we ask groups who come together to make one pledge to choose one woman to represent the group at the event).

The fundraising committee requests that anyone wishing to make a donation as part of this initiative drop off or send a check to the library by March 15th. You will be asked to complete a donation form to indicate who will be honored by your donation. To be part of the celebration, you can also complete a pledge form for your donation and indicate a different donation date. The March 15th date will allow the committee time to send out invitations for the celebration event to all of the building initiative supporters. RSVPs for the event will be needed by April 1st so plans for food and beverages can be made.

We hope this initiative will be an integral part of the larger campaign and generate a lot of media coverage and start the “buzz” around town. **Please consider joining us!**

In addition to the *100 Extraordinary Women* initiative that is in progress, led by a sub-committee of women, there is the lead Building Campaign Committee that is working on reaching out to possible donors who would be interested in making larger contributions to the fundraising campaign with possible naming rights for various parts of the project. Anyone interested in more information about the fundraising campaign should feel free to reach out to Library Director Cathy Smith at 608-822-6294 or email her at parker9@tds.net.