

Macon County Receives \$100,000 to Improve Library

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The Macon County Public Library recently received a \$100,000 grant from the state to help fund a building expansion and other improvements.

The grant funds are administered by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, which is part of the Secretary of State's office.

The 1,442-square-foot expansion will include a multi-purpose room with a kitchenette, a large storage/work area and an expanded foyer. There will also be upgrades to the library's roof, restrooms and heating and cooling system. And more parking will be added as part of the renovation.

"The Macon County Public Library is more than just a place where people check out books," said Sen. Mae Beavers. "The library is one of the main community gathering places for Macon County residents. This renovation will allow the library to serve more people, more comfortably."

"The library often draws crowds up to 100 people for its children's program," said Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver. "The new multi-purpose room will encourage larger crowds for the children's programs and also provide space for new adult programs."

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“The other improvements are much needed as well,” Rep. Kelly Keisling said. “The roof that’s in use now leaks and the heating and cooling system is about 20 years old. It’s time for an upgrade.”

“This grant funding will supplement money provided by the county and other sources to support this worthwhile project,” Secretary of State Tre Hargett said. “The State Library and Archives is proud to partner with our state legislators to provide better library services for the citizens of Tennessee.”