Samuels Public Library
Wish List

The wish list is a list of items by departments ranked in order of need and preference. These items are not a part of the regular budget and their acquisition is made possible through grants and donations.

It includes projects, enhancements, programs, supplies that support the library's vision and mission and is based largely on needs identified through patron, staff, Library Director, and board member input. Though the list is ranked it has the flexibility to match current needs with donor wishes. This document is updated as needed.

General

$8000 - Replacement of upholstered chairs in the adult area of the library. Begin a process of replacing chairs that are worn and/or damaged.

$16,000 - Replace one-fifth of library computers (including software and subscription fees). This would allow us to ensure that technology offered for patron use is functional and up-to-date. This is an on-going need. Industry standards recommend replacing 1/5 of a facility's existing computer hardware every year to maintain functionality and system compatibility. The library currently has 80 desktop and laptop computers available for staff and patron use.

FUNDED! ~~**$1000 – Purchase portable induction stovetops.** These could be used by both children and adult departments to offer cooking programs for patrons, particularly healthy nutrition programs.~~

Children's Department

$2900 - Purchase and install the Cavatina from Percussion play: The instrument is colorful and melodic. I believe it would add another level of creativity to our wonderful children's garden.

$2500 - Purchase and install Congo Drums: Made of heavy duty ABS, these colorful drums have a wonderful sound. I believe they would complement the Cavatina; creating a musical space that the children will love. Installation is similar to the above instrument and would be relatively easy to complete.

$300 - Purchase the Little Bits Steam Student Set kit from TLC Corporation. Supports STEAM education by allowing students to use modular electronics to create an assortment of exciting inventions such as a self-driving vehicles and an art machine. Staff would incorporate these into the existing programs Science Scouts and Future Einsteins.

$2000 - Funding for Kooky Chefs program (supplies, materials, and equipment). This is an existing program that requires periodic purchase of equipment and regular purchase of supplies and materials.

$2600 - Installation of additional lighting for the far end of the children's area. Low light in this area creates difficulty for patrons, staff, and volunteers.

FUNDED! ~~**$1600 - Installation of additional lighting along the wall in the children's area.** Low light in this area creates difficulty for patrons, staff, and volunteers.~~

Circulation Department

$1700 - Installation of display lighting and additional power outlets at the circulation desk. This would improve the ability of staff to create appropriate displays to highlight SPL programs and events and additional outlets for support for their operations.

Adult Department

$1500 - Purchase 12 hand held computer tablets, backup memory devices (USB sticks), and a mobile docking/storage container to house them in. Devices will be used by both Youth and Adult Services for programs including Sphero coding activities, adult and youth technology classes, downloading media training sessions, STEM workshops, the arts and any other programs which would be enhanced by access to wireless computer resources on the library's property or at outreach events.

$1000.00 – Purchase Sphero Coding Lab Accessories and the SPRK+ Power Pack (carry case with power pack/wheels that will hold the 12 Spheros we already own with accessories)
Sphero® Terrain Park 19.99 X3 = 59.97
Jump Ramps 19.99 X6 = 119.94
SPRK+ Power Pack 649.00

$1300 – Purchase Digital Scanning and Conversion Lab or "Memory Lab" – To be used by patrons to convert personal/family recordings from outmoded formats (cassettes/VCR tapes) to modern formats including memory cards, USB storage and DVD/CD's. Patrons would reserve equipment and use equipment in library. Estimate is drawn from the items listed below but actual items chosen will be determined by researching best options when funds are made available.
$500 Dedicated Laptop with 3+ USB ports (could use existing laptop being decommissioned)
$300 Demco® LibraryQuiet™ 3 Flat Shelf Booktrucks (cheaper storage can be explored)
$200 Fujitsu ScanSnap iX100 Wireless Mobile Scanner – document & photo scanner
$150 Wolverine F2D Mighty 20MP 7-in-1 Film to Digital Converter film, negative & slide scanner
$50 Diamond VC500 USB 2.0 One Touch VHS to DVD Video Capture Device
$30 Wikoo Cassette Tape to MP3 CD converter via USB, Portable USB Cassette Tape Player
$30 2 SD Memory Cards for storage with 10+ GB for photos

$5-10,000? - Lighting/Sound Upgrades to Traister Computer Lab – upgrades are needed to address limitations/issues that are currently negatively impacting user/teaching experiences in the lab. A bid would be required to obtain pricing information.

    A. In consultation with an electrician find and implement best solution to solve the problem of light glare on screen. Possible solutions include one or both of the following: 1. Route lights directly in front of screen to a separate switch, or 2. put lights on a dimmer which can control the overall amount of light in room.

    B. Add sound system with support to audio only and audio video.

$5000 - Purchase large format scanner. This would allow the library to digitize local history records with indices. Currently it is difficult for those doing research with these resources (local historians, amateur genealogists) to quickly find the information they need. We could also, with the paper's permission, digitize local newspapers, rather than paying costly fees to have them saved to microfilm.

$2000 - Purchase video & audio equipment. This equipment would be used to record oral histories and create films on local topics. The library is currently serving as the designated field repository for the Avtex Fibers, Inc. site. Utilizing no-cost student interns from local high school AP classes, Shenandoah University, Lord Fairfax Community College, or other nearby schools, the library could expand this resource (and others) for the community.

PROVIDED THROUGH PROGRAMMING PARTNERSHIP WITH LFCC ~~**$1000 - ESL Props, translating pens (or other language aids), program books, and supplies.** The library currently offers free conversational English classes for non-English speakers. These resources would allow us to enhance what we currently offer to the community.~~

$200 – Purchase and install 10 - 17 x 11 Plastic Sign Holders – These be added to end caps in adult stacks to display program and other marketing information. We currently have 5 similar holders in place which work well and want to add more.

$300 - Paper/pencil holders – simple, attractive containers to be placed at every public computer to hold scrap paper and pencils. This would include all 20 adult public computers, 12 stations in the lab and youth services.