



At long last we are ready to get moving on the planned and budgeted-for renovations at the Bronson Branch. The timing was such getting quotes back that we did not have time to discuss this with the Building Committee. However, Brussee/Brady looks to be able to be able to get started in January, while we are at curbside service still, resulting in minimal disruption to our services, so we wanted to bring this for discussion at the December meeting.

In the last couple of years we have noticed some sagging beginning on the floor of the main level of the library. At Lynnell's request, the Friends of the Bronson Library already paid for an engineering assessment to determine the extent of the work needed to shore up the floor.

In addition, similar to the Quincy Branch a few years ago, the Bronson Branch is in need of some general repairs and freshening up. While the library has had two new additions added in the last 10 years or so, the main Carnegie portion of the library hasn't been renovated in decades.

The scope of the work proposed is in 3 parts: Flooring Reinforcement, Main Level Repairs and Renovations, and Storage and Transportation. The selected vendors are Brussee/Brady for the construction, the firm which built the previous additions to the Bronson Branch, and Mulder's Moving and Storage, the region's library mover experts whom we have relied on repeatedly over the years. If schedules align between Brussee/Brady and Mulder's we think the project has a good chance of completion by the end of January.

Flooring Reinforcement

Flooring reinforcement entails all the work detailed by the engineering report to make the main floor safe for the heavy weight of books and fixtures. It will involve adding additional support in the basement, relocation of electrical work, and finishing work to the flooring and ceiling. The price quoted is \$19,150, which the Friends of the Bronson Library will be paying a "major" portion of.

Main Level Repair

The main level will see repairs to the Dearth elevator entrance, including painting and drywall repair. The Carnegie portion of the library and the east entrance will have the plaster repaired throughout, along with painting the walls, ceiling, and moldings, and new carpeting installed. The price quoted is \$37,600.

Storage and Transportation

Mulder's will be emptying the Carnegie section and the basement of all books, shelving, fixtures, etc. Books are kept in order and reshelved upon completion of repairs. Art and other fragile items will be expertly packed and handled and sent to their warehouse in Kalamazoo for the duration of the repair. 6 days of work for 6 workers is estimated to cost \$28,031.

Funding

As mentioned earlier, this project is a partnership with the Friends of the Bronson library, whom we thank for their generosity. They expect to be able to fund up to \$15,000 of this portion of the project.

For the BDL portion of the construction, we have the earmarked Bronson-only A. Barnett fund, which the November financials show to have over \$41,000 available. We also have the Bronson-only G. Barnett fund, with over \$7,000.

For the Storage and Transportation, we had budgeted \$25,000 from the Assigned Fund Balance for this purpose, the same as we did for the Quincy Branch project. With about \$400,000 available in that fund, we can handle the additional \$3,000.

Request

If the Board approves this project, we would request up to the entirety of the \$41,082 currently in the A. Barnett fund restricted to the Bronson Branch use to hire Brussee/Brady. This would cover the \$37,600 Main Level Repair and most of the balance of the Flooring Reinforcement after the Friends' contribution. If there are no overages, we may need to spend up to \$700 from the G. Barnett fund as well to cover the remainder of the balance of the Flooring Reinforcement, so we would also request approval to spend from this fund.

We would also request \$28,031 from the Assigned Fund Balance for Special Projects to retain Mulder's Moving and Storage for the Storage and Transportation portion of the project.

The table below illustrates the amounts requested from each fund and the totals for the project.

	Flooring Reinforcement	Main Level Repairs	Storage and Transportation	Totals
Friends of the Library	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 15,000.00
BDL (A. Barnett Fund)	\$ 3,482.00	\$ 37,600.00		\$ 41,082.00
BDL (G. Barnett Fund)	\$ 668.00			\$ 668.00
BDL Assigned Fund Balance for Special Projects			\$ 28,031.00	\$ 28,031.00
Totals	\$ 19,150.00	\$ 37,600.00	\$ 28,031.00	\$ 84,781.00

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