

Monroeville



The town of Monroeville in eastern Allen County opened its first public library in 1885 in a school. The collection was later turned over to the Twentieth Century Club as a private library in 1905. The Fort Wayne Public Library began a depository collection in the upper room of the Village Hall in 1921, becoming known formally as the Monroeville Branch. In 1927, the town's citizens presented the library with a lot for use as a site for a permanent library building. Construction began on a new brick edifice, which opened in September 1928. That building remained in continuous use until 2003, when a new building was constructed that offered space for an expanded collection and much-needed meeting rooms.

GENERAL INFORMATION

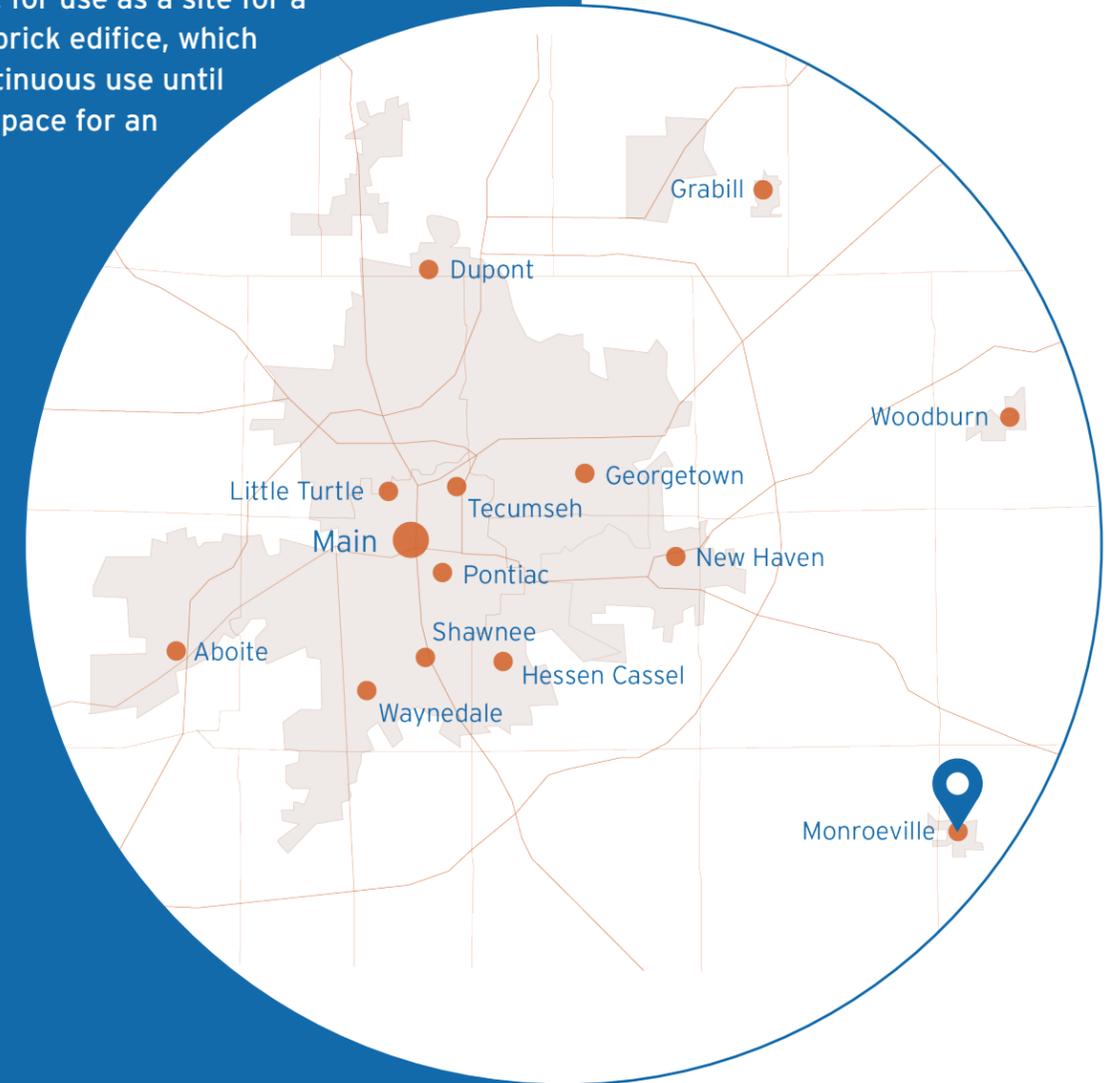
Address	115 Main St Monroeville, IN 46773
Building Size	8,502 SF
Site Area	0.56 Acres
On Site Parking	19
Year Built	2003
Original Architect	Schenkel Schultz

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Population Served (4 mile)	2,629
Days Open	6 / week
Hours Open	41 / week
Full Time Staff	2.25

STATISTICS 2020

Door Count	16,075
Programs	11
Program Attendance	101
Collection Size	21,734
Circulation	13,003
Computer Usage	9



Regional Location Map

Adequately sized for current service demands

Yes No

Overall building condition

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Scale: 1 = Poor to 5 = Good

Site allows for future expansion

Yes **No**

Renovation and/or expansion can meet 10-year service demand

Yes No

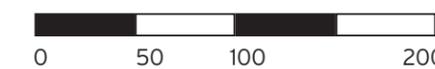
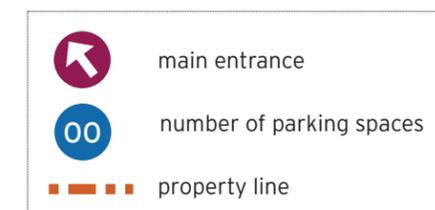
SITE

The branch is easily visible from Main Street in Monroeville, and it projects an adequate presence as a library.

The library property includes 14 parking spaces, with some additional spaces on a lot immediately south of the branch across an alley drive. The site includes no green space, and any outdoor programming would need to be done in the parking lot.

The property lines are very tight to the building, and they could not accommodate any expansion.

The exterior book return is on the south side of the building and not obvious to visitors.



Site Plan

BRANCH CONDITION

The building was completed in 2004, with no major capital improvements since the original construction.

Major systems notes are informed by a January 2020 Trane Energy Contracting systems audit, as amended by ACPL facilities staff where applicable:

- The major equipment is in good condition.
- The system includes central package unit feeding VAV boxes
- Water heater has recently been replaced.
- The split system is 17 years into a 15 year expected useful life, but process for planned replacement is underway.
- The motor for the air handling unit is 5 years into an 18 year expected useful life. ACPL has entered into a maintenance agreement to attend to this over time.
- Lighting is fluorescent throughout, no LED upgrades to date.

Additional observations:

- The exterior building envelope is in good condition and is well-maintained.
- Finishes are mostly original to the building and are generally well-kept but showing signs of age.
- The men's restroom is indicated as ADA compliant but is not. The adjacent Family Restroom accommodates ADA needs.



“Would love to see the updates regarding the children’s area. This is an important piece for families to actual use the library versus pick up books and leave.”

Public Survey Response

“Not too bad for a small community, but the HVAC and heating are totally out dated.”

Public Survey Response



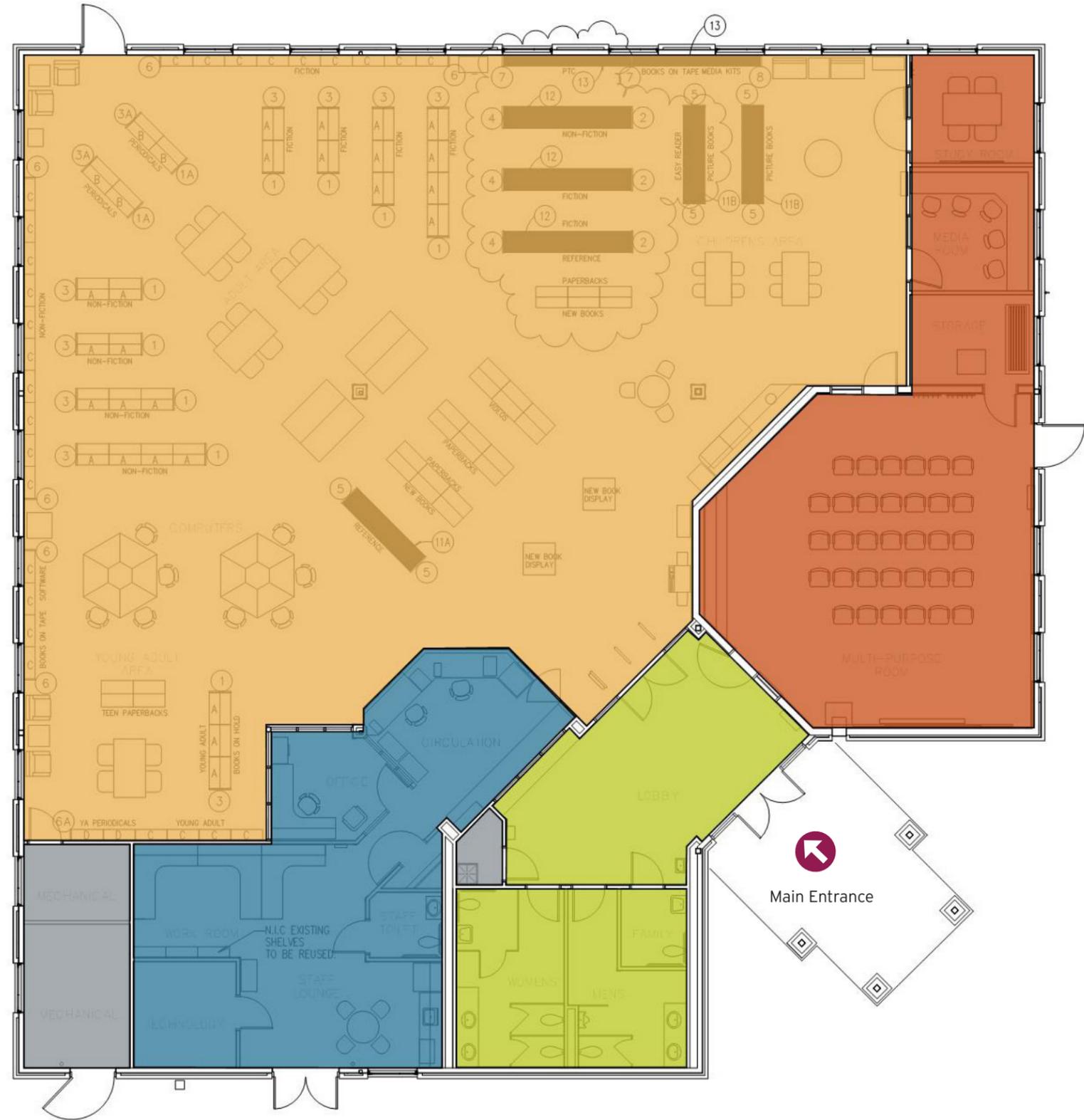
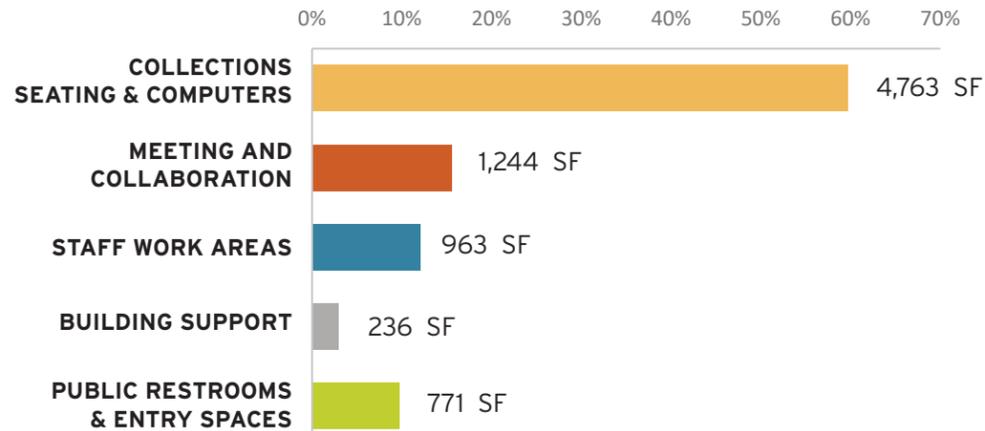


"We could use a second study room. We often book it & then have to put patrons in the large meeting room."

Staff Survey Response



SPACE ALLOCATION





FUNCTIONALITY

Monroeville is small, but it is adequately sized for the community served and volume of use.

- The entrance canopy and vestibule are clear and welcoming from the parking areas.
- The branch layout is a simple and straightforward rectangular plan, and generally flexible except for the size limitations.
- The meeting room is approximately 850 SF, is well-appointed and well used. It includes an adequate presentation wall and storage.
- The building was designed to accommodate after-hours meetings with restroom access.
- The children's space is small but well located and clearly organized. There is not adequate space for interactive play in addition to the existing collections.
- The space previously dedicated to vending should be remodeled to accommodate library service functions.
- The young adult space is small and not acoustically separated from the rest of the space. The volume of teens is low given there are other spaces in the area that support teen programming.
- A small study room and adjacent computer room are adequately designed but not optimally located since they adjacent to the children's area.
- The layout of the branch does not adequately separate quiet and loud spaces.



EFFICIENCY

- The circulation service point is large for the building but in good condition and provides good sight lines. The view from the desk to the vestibule and front door is a plus.
- The staff work area access point is too close to the entrance which allows staff access to the building exit, but can create a bottleneck at the entry area.
- The branch manager office is in good proximity to staff work areas and good views to the branch, but not convenient to help patrons.
- The staff work area is small but adequate for the current number of staff, however there is a lack of storage.
- The open book return directly into the work space should be enclosed for sound and safety.

"Adequate for population served. Layout could be improved."

Public Survey Response

TECHNOLOGY

Building Technology Infrastructure

- There are enough wired network connections for all library computers.
- There are enough power outlets for charging mobile devices such as laptops and cell phones.
- The existing power outlets are easy/comfortable for patrons to access.
- The existing space can accommodate expansion of power access needs.

WiFi

- The existing WiFi covers: bandwidth needs for the library's computers; the physical space of the library for current usage; and the needs of users outside the library building.

Patron Computing

- There are no public computer stations with capabilities to support those with visual, auditory, or physical impairments.
- The Children's area does not have collaborative computing space for caregivers and children.

Staff Computing

- There are not adequate computers or devices for staff.
- The existing printers/scanners/photocopiers are adequate.
- The existing phones are adequate for work needs.

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- There are usually enough public computers to meet demand.
- There is adequate space at computer stations for patrons' items .
- There are no collaborative computing spaces.
- The library does not have at least one (1) ADA compliant public computer workstation.
- The Children's area has space for adult caregivers to work while supervising children in their care.
- There is no assistive listening technology in public meeting room.
- The audio/visual facility in meeting/study rooms meets patron needs.

Other/Additional Technology

- The library would like to add: a "roaming" service model; a portable kitchenette



"Our aspiration is to use technology in ways that allows us to provide the best service we can to our patrons."

Staff Survey Response





"I think the building is over-all pleasing visually. It has a "schoolhouse" appearance & still looks good even after all these years."

Staff Survey Response

AMBIANCE

- The site is rural, and the building design fits well into the context, but there is no green space except for a small amount at the perimeter of parking areas.
- The exterior entrance includes a large overhang which makes the entrance obvious, and welcoming.
- Finishes are in decent shape but lack color, there is no differentiation between adult and children's spaces.
- The acoustics can be problematic; loud and quiet spaces are not separated.
- The layout makes wayfinding straightforward given the open nature of the building, but there is little signage to support navigation.

"Change the color of the walls. Some color that brightens up the walls & is not so drab."

Staff Survey Response

