

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9, 2025

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Williamsburg Regional Library Design – Community Input

The design team for the new Williamsburg Regional Library—planned as a replacement for the current facility—is hosting public input sessions to gather community feedback on key features of the new building.

The sessions will take place at the Williamsburg Fire Department, located at 440 N. Boundary Street, on:

- **Thursday, May 15, from 5:00 – 7:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, May 20, from 1:00 – 3:30 PM**

Additional details can be found in the attached media release.

Attachment:

- Media Release from WRL Design & Construction Team

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
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Proposed Williamsburg Library Public Input Meetings in May 2025

The design and construction team will collaborate with residents of Williamsburg on a new downtown library.

Williamsburg, Virginia - The Hourigan|Tymoff+Moss Architects team is hosting public input meetings, soliciting the community's input to guide elements of the new library's vision at the following times, with both taking place at the Williamsburg Fire Department, 440 N. Boundary St in Williamsburg.

- Thursday, May 15, from 5-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20, from 1-3:30 p.m.

A new Williamsburg Library would make a longstanding impact on the local community, so input from the community is crucial. The space is intended to be a place where people will not only enjoy reading and meeting, but also watch performances, socialize, learn, grow, and connect. The new library's proposed site will be located at or near the existing library, parking lot, and police station near the Stryker Center and City Square Park on N. Boundary St./Scotland St./Armistead Ave./Lafayette St. block in downtown Williamsburg.

These public input sessions will allow the project team to understand the needs of the community and library patrons, to influence the design and organization. The sessions will follow an open-house format, with five stations set up for public information and input. Hourigan and Tymoff + Moss Architects (TMA), the project's construction and design partners, will present renderings of the design, floorplans, site plans, interiors, and information about the proposed library's program. They will gather community feedback via a survey, where respondents can offer their thoughts on the proposed library's design and program. The survey can also be accessed via the library's [website](#) starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 15 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 30.

"Since first opening its doors in 1973, the Williamsburg Library has grown and evolved with our community, expanding in 1982 and 1998 to meet increasing demand," Williamsburg Regional Library Director Sandy Towers said. "Now, after more than 50 years of service, the building has reached the end of its functional lifespan. We are excited to begin the next chapter — one that reflects the future of learning, access, and connection. These public input sessions are a critical first step, and we look forward to hearing from the community as we shape a new library that will serve generations to come."

TMA is known for 30 years of experience with award-winning libraries across Virginia. Hourigan brings decades of experience delivering transformative civic and cultural spaces across Virginia, including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Brock Environmental Center, Virginia Wesleyan University's Goode Center for the Performing Arts, and the recently completed Perry Glass Studio at the Chrysler Museum of Art. Known for a collaborative approach and a deep commitment to community impact, Hourigan is proud to support the visioning process for a new Williamsburg library.

TMA and Hourigan have a longstanding collaborative relationship, with 20+ projects completed together, including two libraries designed and built in the City of Norfolk—the Richard A. Tucker Memorial Library and the Jordan A. Newby Anchor Branch Library. Hourigan and TMA are also currently working together on the new Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) under construction on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach.

"A new Williamsburg Library will be a centerpiece for the City of Williamsburg and the surrounding communities," said Bart Dexter, Hourigan's VP of the Hampton Roads division. "Tymoff+Moss and Hourigan are excited to gain insight from the residents of Williamsburg about what is important to them and how we can make the Williamsburg Library a special place that will enhance the community."

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