

A person is shown in profile, reading a book. The background is a dark, textured image of a library interior. The text is overlaid on the image.

MAIN LIBRARY

Conceptual Reimagination

TRANSFORMING THE PATRON EXPERIENCE

VISION

**Create identities for each Main Library Building
through Reorganization & Programming**

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MAIN: *Research, Reading & Learning*

Move subject departments into historic Main Building, except Youth Services

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Creativity, Transformative Experiences & Personal Empowerment

- **Tech Central** (Lower Level)
- **Learning Commons** (2nd Floor)
- **Children & Families Discovery Center** (3rd floor): Reimagined Youth Services
- **Reimagined OLBPD** (4th floor)
- **Fulcrum 525** (5th floor): Greatly expanded and reimagined maker space
- **LSW 6th** Swing space/emergent needs space
- LSW upper floors used for book storage

Note: This is a *conceptual framework* for thinking about how space can be reallocated to reinvigorate Main Library. Actual programming will be determined with extensive public, staff, and Outreach and Programming Services input and planning.

PRIMARY BENEFITS

Transforms Main Library into a dynamic, experience-based library for the 21st century

Enables the Library to potentially offer expanded hours for specific floors/services (e.g., maker space)

Achieves cost savings downtown by reducing number of service points

Reinvigorates staff through collaborative work teams, with more staff per public floor, which also improves safety with more “eyes on the floor”

MAIN LIBRARY CONCEPTUAL REIMAGINATION

Current Progress Toward Transformation

- Revised Collection Development Policy for Main Library and Branches (July 2021)
- Main Library Compact Shelving Storage (2021)
 - Electronics on 8th floor LSW are at end of user life
 - Upgrades will improve security of priceless material and functionality, safety, and security of the existing compact storage units
- Address 2018 Mold Outbreak at Lake Shore Facility (2021-2022)
 - Mold is arrested, but collection needs to be cleaned of mold spores
 - Collection must be cleaned before it can be moved or weeded to avoid spread of mold spores (per ICA assessment)
 - Intermuseum Conservation Association (ICA) recommends that we hire a mold remediation company that could do the work safely in a few months
 - CPL obtained an Environmental Report from EA Group (10-8-2018) and a remediation assessment from ICA (12-17-2019)