

## **Ironwood Carnegie Library**

The mission of the Ironwood Carnegie Library is to strive to provide equitable access to materials and services that support the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the entire community.

The Ironwood Carnegie Library was built in 1901 with a gift from Andrew Carnegie to serve the needs of the community that produced much of the iron which helped him build his fortune. We are the oldest continually operating Carnegie in the State of Michigan and were placed on the Historic Register in 2011. Our library is spatially representative of the library as it was back when it was built, with the exception of spaces being used for differing purposes. The library is a true cornerstone of our downtown and our community.

## Dream

Discover

Do!



## In 2023/2024:

- We offered 149 programs
- · 2667 people attended our programs
- We had 8350 visits to the library
- 2115 people had library cards
- An ADA accessible restroom was added on our main level thanks to an ALA grant and support of the Friends of the Library
- We installed a new boiler system
- We began a Senior Health and Wellness Programming **Series**
- We continued to offer our Summer Reading programming, weekly classroom visits, story hours, early childhood literacy events, book clubs, and writing groups
- In February 2024, we were awarded a \$750,000 **Community Center Space Grant**

## The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity **Community Center Grant**

Capital Project: A 1000 square foot addition and breezeway; front sidewalk modification and wheelchair lift into basement area to make it accessible

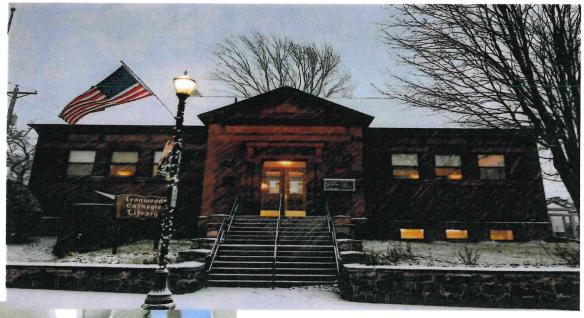
**Grant Amount:** 

\$750,000

Approximate Cost: \$820,339

Cost with Options: \$852,139 (includes additional windows and enhanced breezeway)

Capital Campaign Fundraising Goal: \$102,139.00



Summer Program Kick Off: June 2024

Our goal? To revitalize our library spaces to better serve the community. This includes:

- Creating open and flexible spaces for children's resources and programming: Foster creativity and learning with adaptable areas for play, exploration, and interactive experiences.
- Developing an accessible basement area: Enhance
  usability for all patrons, including those with mobility
  challenges, by improving accessibility to the basement
  level.

Modifying existing spaces to enhance services for job seekers, older adults, and the entire community: Create dedicated areas for job search resources, computer access, and programs tailored to the needs of older adults. Improve overall functionality and comfort for all visitors.





Pre-register for this 5 session program! Each session you w be creating something you will need for an



1230pm Friday, July 12

ADVENTURE HIKE Explore and Create at Miners Memorial Park! Pack up those backpacks that you've been working on and go! We'll meet at Miners Park and explore things you may not have looked at before! Join Ms. Kathy and Ms. Sue for a wonderful afternoon outdoors!

