

NONPROFIT NOMINATION FORM

As a member in good standing of Elk Rapids Area 100 Women Who Care, I nominate the following non-profit organization to be considered for the group's next donation.

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

I also agree to make a 5 minute presentation using the information provided below at the group's next meeting.

Email *

erlib.director@gmail.com

MY NAME *

Pamela Williams

ORGANIZATION NAME *

Elk Rapids District Library

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK PAGE *

www.elkrapidslibrary.org, https://www.facebook.com/elkrapidsdistrictlibrary

MISSION/PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION *

The mission of the Elk Rapids District Library is to provide quality resources and services that engage and impact the well-being of our community.

SERVICE AREA THE ORGANIZATION SERVES *

We service the greater Elk Rapids area, including the Elk Rapids School District, Milton township, Torch Lake Township, Elk Rapids Township, Whitewater Township and the Village of Elk Rapids. We also offer library cards to anyone in the Elk Rapids Schools and cards to anyone in Antrim county.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET AND PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES *

\$480,000 funded library millage (78%), State Aid, Penal Fines, the Friends of the Elk Rapids Library and private donations

SPECIFIC DETAILS ON HOW OUR DONATION WOULD BE USED. INCLUDE BUDGET, TIMING AND * NUMBERS SERVED/IMPACTED

The Elk Rapids Library has proudly served the community from the historic Island House for over 75 years. However, while our service area has grown significantly, the library's physical space has remained the same. This lack of space limits our ability to provide adequate programming, expand our collection, and offer modern technology to meet the evolving needs of our community.

To address these challenges, the Elk Rapids District Library is embarking on an exciting journey to relocate to a larger, more accessible facility. In January 2024, the Library Board approved the purchase of the former Traverse Bay Manufacturing building at 8980 Cairn Highway. Its proximity to within our district and the local schools, ample space, and the opportunity to repurpose an existing structure make it an ideal solution to our space limitations.

This new location will enable the library to better serve the Greater Antrim County area, offering expanded resources, improved programs, and enhanced opportunities for community connection.

In the summer of 2024, the Library's Board of Trustees authorized the formation of a volunteer-led Capital Campaign Committee to lead this ambitious project. Co-chaired by Bill Donberg and Paula Jorge, the committee is spearheading a community-wide fundraising effort over the next 12-18 months.

The total initial investment, based on a projected 2026 construction schedule, is estimated at \$7 million. The campaign aims to raise \$3.5 million in private donations before proposing a ballot initiative to our district for a short-term capital bond of \$3.5 million. Every dollar raised beyond the \$3.5 million private fundraising goal will help reduce the bond amount or be allocated toward future investment areas within the new library.

This project represents a unique opportunity to enhance community access to resources, foster literacy, and create a space where everyone can connect and thrive. Together, we can build a library that will serve generations to come.

Project Timeline

- Winter 2025 – Fall 2025: Private fundraising campaign to secure initial project funding.
- Fall 2025: Bond proposal presented for additional funding.
- 2026: Construction begins with a groundbreaking ceremony.
- 2027: Completion of construction and relocation to the new facility.

This timeline outlines key milestones in our journey to create a larger, more accessible library space for the Greater Elk Rapids and Antrim County communities.

The Elk Rapids District Library serves a diverse population across the Greater Elk Rapids area and beyond, with 3,782 enrolled patrons. This includes:

- 3,101 patrons (81.99%) residing within our library district, which encompasses Elk Rapids, Milton, and Torch Lake Townships and any student in our school district,
- 435 patrons (11.5%) living outside the district but still within the local region (Antrim, Grand Traverse, or Kalkaska Counties).

- 246 patrons (6.51%) from areas outside the local region.

The total population of our library district is 6,088, representing 25.98% of Antrim County's population based on the 2020 Census. Library usage within the district demonstrates strong engagement:

- 56.8% of Elk Rapids Township residents hold library cards.
- 38.98% of Milton Township residents hold library cards.
- 29.2% of Torch Lake Township residents hold library cards.

Overall, 44.42% of district residents are active library cardholders, a remarkable level of participation reflecting the vital role the library plays in promoting literacy, accessibility, and community connection.

By approving this grant, 100 Women Who Care will join a growing community of supporters dedicated to building A Library For Everybody. Your support will play a vital role in this transformative effort, creating a lasting impact on our community and ensuring the library continues to thrive and serve future generations.

MY RELATIONSHIP/EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ORGANIZATION *

I am the Library Director at the Elk Rapids District Library

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Please complete information below that will be used for communication and funding purposes. It does NOT have to be included in your presentation.

ORGANIZATION'S TAX ID/501(c)3 NUMBER *

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ORGANIZATION'S CONTACT PERSON *

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ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS *

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ORGANIZATION'S CITY *

Elk Rapids

ORGANIZATION'S ZIP CODE *

49629

ORGANIZATION'S PHONE NUMBER *

231-264-9979

SUBMISSION DATE *

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12 / 04 / 2024

FORM SUBMISSION

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