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Proposal Abstract

The Friends of the Auburn Public Library (FOAPL) write this proposal on behalf of Auburn Public Library. FOAPL has played a key role in library fundraising and growth; if not for the efforts of FOAPL nearly a decade ago, Auburn Public Library may not exist as the community epicenter it is today. FOAPL is dedicated to recognizing the needs of the library and working toward fulfilling those needs in any way. The Friends have previously worked to raise money for library materials by holding book sales, fundraisers, and charity events, but we are now shifting our focus to raising money for a building expansion project; to build a much-needed meeting room and two private study rooms.

FOAPL has an overall goal of \$60,000 for this project. Half will be raised locally by FOAPL or through grants and donations. In this proposal document, we implore Georgia Public Library System to match the \$30,000 in local funds and advance APL's spot on the capital outlay list so that construction plans can begin in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

As the city of Auburn continues to grow, the library will need to evolve in order to meet the needs of the expanding community. A public meeting room available for use by individuals or organizations will enhance engagement between the library and the community. A meeting room will provide local organizations or individuals a space to come together and share ideas, and will promote community involvement. FOAPL is currently circulating a petition as evidence of community support, and the petition has over 100 signatures by Auburn residents and council members. As we await feedback about this proposal from GPLS, FOAPL intends to continue garnering community support through charitable events, fundraising, awareness campaigns, and other forms of outreach and engagement.