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McAlester Public Library Follow Up

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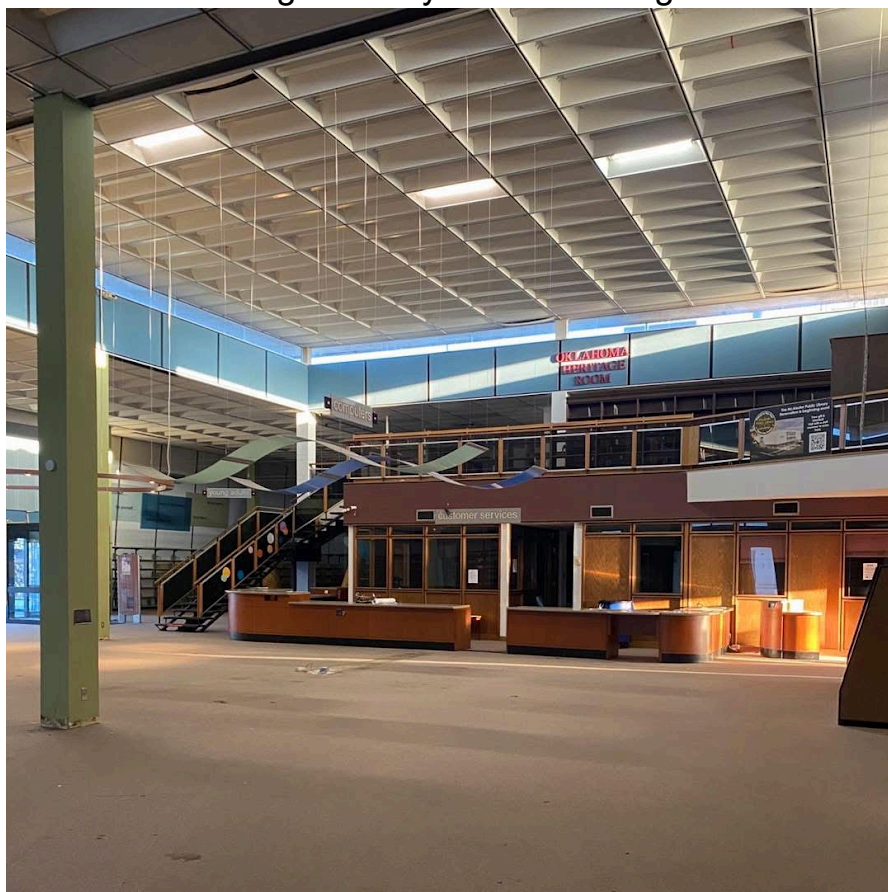
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Good afternoon, Caroline, and thank you again for helping to coordinate yesterday's tour of the library.

As we discussed yesterday, please find attached an updated list of sponsorship opportunities we have identified. Please note that we are more than happy to discuss additional options if there's other areas of interest. I feel the Discovery Center is an ideal location because of the technology involved and the location right at the primary entrance, but I also recognize it's one of the pricier spots. We'd be thrilled to hold more discussions about this.

We have many pictures of the library before the remodel, but here is just one from before the demolition began. Only three of the lights are working at this time.



As for the Kiowa library, with the size of the building there's a limited amount of projects we can come up with that we would greatly appreciate support for. However, we feel we've a pretty good list of projects in mind for the future.

- Paved parking lot in front of the Mary-Kimberly Library
- Funds for landscaping
- Fund to provide paving for the upcoming storywalk path (thanks to the Fugitt Foundation, this should be installed this fall)
- Outside amenities such as picnic tables, bike rack, playground equipment, and benches
- Inside, the library could benefit from a rewiring of the lights and new carpet.
- Special presenters, especially during summer, fall and spring breaks, would appeal to many children and families in the community.

For Kiowa, I asked David Floyd a couple months ago to include funds for the parking lot and landscaping in the TID documents. I'd also love to talk more about how we might be able to use the community betterment payments to partner on some of these projects, both for Kiowa and McAlester libraries.

Finally, could you provide me with a list of representatives from IREN to include in our opening celebrations invitation list? Emails and mailing addresses would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much.



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Wed, Sep 9, 2026 at 9:14 PM

Hi Michael,

Thank you so much for your email. The guys really appreciated the opportunity to see the new library and they are so impressed with everything you've been able to accomplish.

I sent your email on to Jason and Marat. Tomorrow I will get you the contact list and maybe next week we could meet and discuss some of the items you mentioned.

We're excited to work with you all. I know we are eager to get involved it's just been a slow process. All of the items you listed for Kiowa sound like a great start to help support the library. We want the Kiowa library to be successful.

Thank you again and we'll be in touch.

Thank you,
Caroline

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To: Caroline Russell <ccwrussell@gmail.com>

The Kiowa library is definitely off to a great start for us. Just how big we can grow remains to be seen, but Anna, our lead librarian there, has done a fantastic job growing a good base the past year and a half. That's with many residents, I'm convinced, still not knowing they are there. That's why the upcoming story walk excites me so much, as well as the idea of getting some playground equipment on the property. Those features will draw nontraditional library users, or current residents who use the McAlester library and don't know they have one in their hometown. Next week I have availability on Wednesday after 11:00 am , Thursday after noon, and 8-10 on Friday.

Best.



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Let's meet Thursday. I would like to come down to see the Kiowa library and meet Anna. You can show me the plans as well. I am eager to get to work.

11:30 Thursday?

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That's fantastic. I have it on the calendar. Looking forward to it.



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