

DEARBORN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION & DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

August 23, 2023 – 6:00PM Henry Ford Centennial Library M-15

Members of the Dearborn Public Library Commission and the Dearborn Historical Commission met informally to discuss the merger of the Library and Museum City departments. Topics discussed include:

- Staffing needs assessments will be conducted for the Museum and the Library. This is a City-wide initiative; the DAC is undergoing theirs.
- A space needs assessment will follow; for staff, for the public, and for storage. There is currently limited temperature-controlled storage for historical archives.
- Property evaluations will be conducted. Immediate needs like trip hazards and ADA noncompliance can be handled by Public Works. Larger scale projects are in the capital improvements budget.
- The City and Library are beginning discussions with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Concerns with the Library and Museum volunteer groups and fundraising efforts were addressed.
- Community outreach by members of the Library Commission, and including Museum information in those efforts. The Museum is releasing their events calendar, including Guild events.
- It was recommended that a member of the Historical Commission attend the monthly Library Commission meetings going forward and vice versa.