

RFP FAQ: Questions Received as of July 16, 2025

1. Q: Looking beyond the master plan, what is your funding mechanism for moving forward with facility improvements?

A: Looking beyond the master plan, NRPL anticipates using a combination of funding sources to support future facility improvements. These may include:

- State and public grants such as the NYS Public Library Construction Grant, Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) grants, Economic Development Assistance Program (EDAP), CREST, and SAM funding
- The Library's Capital Fund
- Contributions from the NRPL Foundation
- Support from the Friends of the Library
- The potential pursuit of a public bond, if appropriate and feasible

This multi-pronged approach is intended to provide both flexibility and long-term sustainability as we move from planning to implementation.

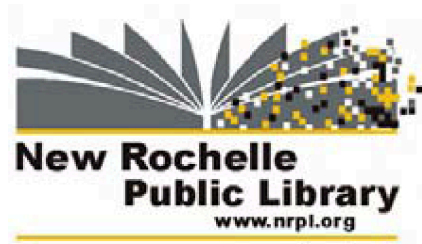
2. Q: Was a budget for improving the Main Library established as part of the Physical Condition Assessment process?

A: A formal budget was not established as part of the Physical Condition Assessment process. However, a preliminary estimated construction cost for the Main Library was developed based on 2020 first-quarter pricing, with a 20% design contingency. That estimate totals \$15,107,163 and covers repairs and renovations to the existing structure only—it does not include any new construction.

This preliminary estimate is strictly for construction costs and does not include soft costs, such as:

- Architectural and engineering fees
- Owner's representative or construction manager fees
- Hazardous materials abatement
- Permits, furnishings, or technology infrastructure

A detailed breakdown of cost estimates for both the Main Library and Huguenot Children's Library (HCL) can be found in Section 5 of the assessment report.



3. Q: Are you anticipating that the master planning for the Children's Library will focus solely on the ADA addition or look at the space as a whole for potential improvements?

A: The master planning process will evaluate the entire Children's Library, not just the ADA addition. We anticipate a comprehensive review of the space to identify opportunities for broader improvements.

4. Q: Page 5, Item 6 "Questions" mentions the deadline for questions is August 1. Page 5, Item 7 "Timeline" mentions the deadline for questions is July 16. Please clarify what the deadline is.

A: The deadline for submitting questions related to the project has been extended from August 1, 2025 to August 15, 2025. All other deadlines and requirements outlined in the RFP remain unchanged unless otherwise noted.

5. Q: What consultants/specialties is NRPL expecting firms to include at the RFP stage?

A: At this stage of the RFP, NRPL is not requiring firms to have a finalized consultant team in place. However, we do expect respondents to identify any key consultants or specialties they anticipate including based on the scope of work - for example, specialists in historic preservation, sustainability, community engagement, or technology planning. While the team can evolve, demonstrating an understanding of the expertise likely needed will strengthen your proposal. We encourage firms to outline their approach to assembling a qualified team and to describe any confirmed or potential collaborators, if known.