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## “Norfolk Public Library Expansion/Renovation On Track”

The half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2014 for the expansion and renovation of the Norfolk Public Library is coming in on track and Norfolk Public Library Director Jessica Chamberlain said that construction on the addition to the library is expected to begin in the spring of 2017.



Since no money is being borrowed for the project, the necessary funds need to be collected before any construction can start. Library Director Jessica Chamberlain said that since the spring of 2015 \$2.6 million has been collected.

Staff with Alley Poyner Maccietto Architecture, architect & engineering firm, have been meeting with city staff to finalize the details of the new construction. The plans include the addition of 16,000 square feet to the library that is expected to satisfy the community's library building needs for the next 20 years.

“It will be a wonderful addition to Norfolk. Besides increased parking, larger space, drive-up access to the book drop and more room for children and teens, we are also planning an Early Learning Playground for younger children and a Makerspace for those who want to create and explore using new technology,” Chamberlain said.

The new half-cent tax is temporary and will expire after 36 months which was part of the library ballot vote.

For more information about the library expansion/renovation project, contact the library at

402-844-2100. Updates can also be found on the library's website at [www.norfolkne.gov/library/library\\_expansion.htm](http://www.norfolkne.gov/library/library_expansion.htm).