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Architect gives update on proposed Howard Miller Library renovation

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Architect Gregg Yeomans, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc, gestured to prepared drawings showing what the [basement and second floor renovations inside Howard Miller Public Library and Community Center](#) would look like once completed.

Starting with the basement, which at one point housed Zeeland's emergency operations center, the renovation would create an office, a storage room and a spacious multipurpose room, Yeomans said.

On the second floor, an expanded children's area, story room and additional storage space would be created in the renovation, Yeomans said.

"Basically, from the north end of the atrium on over (to the north wall) is going to be a whole children's area type of environ," Yeomans said. "It's a fairly straightforward and simple design," Yeomans said.

Being as non-invasive as possible throughout the project by minimizing noise and new construction is something that is being considered as the project moves forward, Yeomans said.

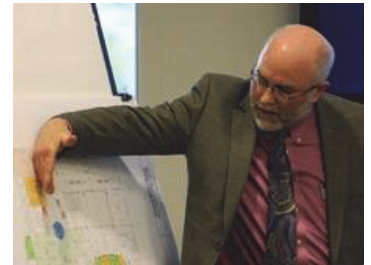
The project, which will cost the city an estimated \$575,000, is on track for a beginning construction date of late July or early August, City Manager Tim Klunder said.

The renovation should be complete in the fall, Klunder said.

In addition to Yeomans' presentation, library director Bob Vande Vusse mentioned some changes recommended to him by designers for the first floor that would not involve architectural work.

Removing a reference desk on the south end of the first floor, redesigning the current circulation desk for increased efficiency and possibly adding self-checkout stations were all things Vande Vusse outlined to city officials.

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Architect Gregg Yeomans, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc., presents Zeeland City Council a drawing of what proposed renovations at the Howard Miller Public Library and Community Center would look like. Rob Wetterholt Jr./Sentinel Staff

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