Your Huntsville-Madison County Public Library has embarked on a quest to build a new foundation for the educational, social, and cultural enrichment of the South Huntsville Community. Jones Valley, Hampton Cove, and South Huntsville are growing, but our Bailey Cove Library cannot properly serve these communities because we have outgrown our 10,000 square foot home.

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Our Quest

Our Solution

A 40,000-square-foot high-tech library. It’s planned to serve as the centerpiece of the City of Huntsville’s new community complex on the Grissom High School site. But we need your help to make our dreams your reality.

New Bailey Cove Library
Capital Campaign Pledge Period: 5 Years

$8.4 MILLION
Total Project Cost: Construction, Furnishings, Professional Fees

$2M City of Huntsville Investment
$2M Madison County District 5 Investment
$4.4 MILLION Community Fundraising Goal

CREATE

MakerSpace
Multi-purpose, high-tech creative studio

STEAM Classroom
Interactive classroom dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math programs

Creative Commons
Social area to host small events and showcase regional art, science, and other creative products

EXPLORE

Technology Bar and Recording Studio
Computer, tablet, and smart phone classes; soundproof space for audio recording; green screen for video production

Adult Reading Area
Traditional reading area, a serene environment

Children’s Area
Early literacy stations, in-the-round story time area, reading rocket play area, and mini MakerSpace

CONNECT

Collaboration Spaces
Public rooms of varying sizes for students, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and civic groups

Café
Social space to enjoy a coffee or snack during a library visit

Reception Hall
Formal meeting space capable of hosting a 150-person seated event

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About HMCPL

• Founded in 1818 — the oldest library in Alabama
• 12 branches throughout Huntsville, Madison County, and Madison City
• Highest circulation, program attendance, and number of volunteer hours in Alabama

BUILD WITH US: Visit liftoffbaileycove.org to contribute to the New Bailey Cove Library