

# THE MAKE MORE NOYES RENOVATION CAMPAIGN



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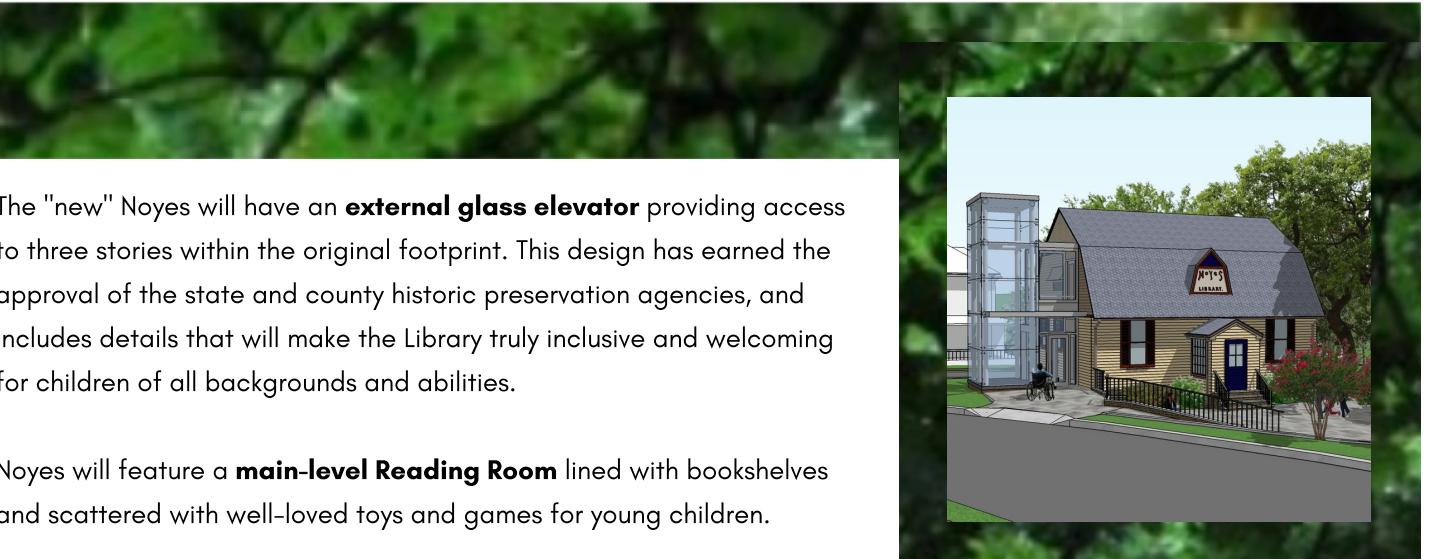
## We need to Make MORE Noyes - and we need your help.

The Noyes Children's Library Foundation is partnering with Montgomery County MD Public Libraries to design and fund the **Make MORE Noyes Renovation Campaign** for a creatively expanded and universally accessible Noyes.

The Foundation **has committed to raise \$1.6M** – just over half of the project's estimated budget – to make sure that all children and families have access to this treasured children's library and its historic setting.

The State of Maryland and the Town of Kensington have contributed. Funds have come in through Foundation events, and more events are planned. Library patrons and supporters from throughout the DC region and beyond are donating.

But we need to finish fundraising and get down to renovating. To do this we need contributions from visionary individuals, corporations and foundations that support literacy, history, community, and inclusiveness. We need to make Noyes accessible, increase its literacy outreach, and guarantee its future. **And we need to do it now.**



The "new" Noyes will have an **external glass elevator** providing access to three stories within the original footprint. This design has earned the approval of the state and county historic preservation agencies, and includes details that will make the Library truly inclusive and welcoming for children of all backgrounds and abilities.

Noyes will feature a **main-level Reading Room** lined with bookshelves and scattered with well-loved toys and games for young children.



The new lower level, replacing the Library's current crawl space, will include a **large and airy program room**. This new space will enable Noyes to reach more children and families through its innovative and dynamic Storytimes.

The second floor – currently an unusable loft – will welcome librarians, teachers and other childcare professionals to the **Jan Jablonski Early Literacy Training Center**, a County initiative that puts Noyes in the forefront of regional efforts to ensure that all children have the reading, listening and writing skills to prepare them for school.



The Noyes Children's Library in Kensington, MD has a unique place in the DC region's early literacy environment, serving as the **flagship library for children's services** for the Montgomery County library system. Noyes is also known as a welcoming haven for children with disabilities and families for whom English is a second language.

However, the very things that make Noyes so special also make accessibility – and space – a challenge. **Noyes was built in 1893** and sits on a small triangle of land in a residential neighborhood. Its single room and cottage-like charm make children feel immediately at home, but also limit the number of patrons who can fit in the building.



The Noyes Children's Library is a place where children fall in love with books. Where families share traditions, and build dreams. Where children discover. Where the community connects.



At Noyes, expert children's librarians and inspiring programs help instill a love of story, serving a community hungry for early literacy help. At Noyes, parents are empowered to take a role in their child's reading future, guiding them toward a lifelong love of learning. **It's a little library, with a BIG mission.**

When the County's determination to increase Noyes' early literacy outreach and improve its ability to serve all children was reinforced by a U.S. Department of Justice mandate for ADA compliance, the gauntlet was thrown. Enter the Foundation, a long-time private partner supporting this unique public library. The Foundation proposed an **outside-the-box solution for an accessible expansion**, and The Make MORE Noyes Renovation Campaign was born. This community-wide effort will expand both Noyes' space and its early literacy mission, while honoring the Library's rich history.

You can help Noyes fulfill that mission for generations to come. We can promise you that your entire contribution will go toward making this extraordinary renovation a reality, since we operate as an **all-volunteer Foundation** with virtually no overhead. What's more, the Foundation is continuously working to expand Noyes' early literacy mission with our own outreach – so the faster we raise this money, the sooner we can focus on our family literacy initiatives.



The Noyes Children's Library Foundation is an **outstanding example of a public-private partnership** – a grassroots group engaging the community in support of a treasured library and all it brings to children and families.



**Join us. Help us Make MORE Noyes.**

# The Library and the Foundation: A Timeline

Brainard Warner – Washington businessman and founder of the Town of Kensington – establishes Noyes Library on land that he donates, with a book collection donated by Crosby Noyes, editor of the Washington Star.

The new Montgomery County Public Library Department invites existing community libraries to join. The Noyes Library Association deeds the building, land, and book collection to the County, with the stipulation that it always remain a community library

With the construction of nearby Kensington Park Library, MCPL decides that Noyes is no longer needed. The Mayor of Kensington proposes that Noyes be dedicated to children, and the Noyes Children's Library and Resource Center is born.

A budget crisis causes MCPL to propose closing Noyes. Volunteers create the Noyes Children's Library Foundation to serve as a private partner to the County, enabling Noyes to stay open.

Once again Noyes is threatened with closure when the County, again in a budget crisis, is required to meet ADA requirements in the small historic building. MCPL appeals to the Foundation for help.

The three-story, universally accessible Noyes Children's Library opens to the public.

**1893**

A subscription Library costing \$1 per year to join, Noyes becomes the center of community activity as Kensington grows. The Library thrives while the Town spreads out around it.

**1950**

Noyes quickly becomes the flagship for Children's Library services in Montgomery County. Librarians develop unique "Penny Theater" programs to introduce young children to a love of books. Families from throughout the region come to love Noyes for its storybook appearance, cozy interior where "moms can't get lost," and expert Librarians.

**1991 - 1999**

The all-volunteer, grassroots Foundation hosts Galas and family events, and conducts annual mailings to raise an amazing \$700K over 9 years.

**2010 - 2018**

The Foundation re-activates, raising funds to support Noyes' operating budget while engaging an architect to devise a solution that provides accessibility while honoring the building's history. The Make MORE Noyes Renovation Campaign is launched.

**The Near Future!**

The Foundation turns its energy to early literacy outreach – always making MORE Noyes.

## Contact Information

**For more information** on the Noyes Children's Library Foundation & the Make MORE Noyes Renovation Campaign, go to [noyeslibraryfoundation.org](http://noyeslibraryfoundation.org)

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