

## **Elk Rapids District Library Improvement Project Phase 1 – Concept Phase Fact Sheet**

- The Library received a generous bequest from the estate of Mr. Charles Heffer in January 2014.
- During the following summer the library consulting firm of Hartzell-Mika conducted interviews, a survey, and two day-long planning sessions to help us develop a strategic plan.
- We discovered that people love the library, but want more - more comfortable seating, a bigger children's area, a place for teens, more programs, better lighting, more gathering places, bigger program spaces, and more materials of all kinds.
- The Elk Rapids Village Council has given us permission to explore the possibility of improving and expanding the Library. Developing a concept for improvement and possible expansion is Phase 1 of the Library Improvement Project. Phase 1 will continue until the concept is presented to the Village Council in September.
- We have hired who we believe are the best architects to help us come up with the concept of what an improved Library might look like. Tamara Burns and Gene Hopkins from Hopkins Burns Design Studio specialize in historic preservation and restoration, and Dan Whisler from Daniels & Zermack Architects has many years of experience designing, building, and renovating libraries.
- We are seeking community input about how we can create the best possible Library. There are several ways to have your voice heard:
  1. Attend one of the upcoming public meetings or a drop-in session with the architects. Check the Elk Rapids News or at the Library for the dates and times of these meetings.
  2. Fill out a comment form located in the entryway of the Library.
  3. Talk to the Library Director, Nannette Miller. To make sure she is available you can set up an appointment by calling 264-9979.
  4. Attend a regular Library Board meeting, which are held on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room.
- Our goal is to give every resident the chance to participate in this project. We hope you will want to be part of this exciting time for the Library and the community!