
Carpet Replacement

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To: michlib-l@mcls.org

Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 2:50 PM

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Thank you!

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Currently reading "The Art of Logic in an Illogical World" by Eugenia Cheng

Maurine McCourry <mmccourry@hillsdale.edu>
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Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 2:56 PM

Ooh. Please do share, Bret. We need the same.

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Matt de Bear <mdebear@librarydesign.com>
To: Bret Boulter <bboulter@tadl.org>

Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 3:04 PM

Hi Bret,

I wanted to reach out after seeing your email below regarding your planned carpet work.

Library Design Associates has significant amount of experience replacing carpet and flooring in libraries across Michigan. We are uniquely equipped to assist with these types of projects with our in-house interior designer, as well as our moving personnel that specialize in moving library furniture and collections. The highlight of that is our stack moving equipment, which allows us to move the vast majority of free-standing shelving without having to unload books and other material. We also provided all of the shelving currently in the library, most of which goes back to the building construction.

I'd be happy to hop on a phone call to answer any questions you might have, or discuss your project in more detail.

Thanks!

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Jonesville District Library <jonesville@monroe.lib.mi.us>
To: Bret Boulter <bboulter@tadl.org>

Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 3:15 PM

Bret;

The Jonesville District Library replaced 20-year-old carpet in 2 areas of the library in 2022-23. We broke our project into 3 phases: one upstairs level, one downstairs level, and the third phase was replacing stair treads leading between the 2 levels.

We did not go with an RFP process. We had our local carpet retailer give estimates for each phase. They were willing to fulfill their estimates as long as prices to from the manufacturers did not go up. in about 15 months, we raised all we needed for all three phases - about \$10000.

Our carpet project was not nearly as large as yours, but my advice is to keep your patrons informed through-out the entire project. Take lots of pictures, set up displays, use social media, and especially use word-of-mouth. The more your patrons know, the more they will support your project. We were very lucky, and our patrons were very generous.

I hope this info helps,
-Laura Orlowski, director
Jonesville District Library

From: Michlib-I <michlib-l-bounces@mcls.org> on behalf of Bret Boulter via Michlib-I <michlib-l@mcls.org>
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Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 3:36 PM

We went with carpet tiles for our reno last year. We didn't have that much square footage.

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Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 3:48 PM

Hi Bret,

In 2019, I was not here at SSLDL, however the work Shaw Construction completed for the library expansion was flawless. It was a \$1.2 million children's expansion. They worked within our budget because as the job progressed, we added minor changes, and they made them work to the scope of work. It did not affect our price.

They do work in your area. They are currently working in Ludington and have an upcoming job in Petoskey.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Hutchinson, our Assistant Director or reach out to Ted Barker from Shaw, his number is 734-425-6854 and email is tbarker@shawcm.com

Hope that helps!

Best,
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Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 4:24 PM

Hello Bret. While our library is not nearly as large as your, being just 30,000 sq ft, it still seemed like a big project to replace the carpet as, of course, it's all under shelving full of books and furniture. We used Library Design Associates for our project and I can't tell you how highly I recommend them. They were far from the cheapest, however, they have a fantastic set up for moving all of the shelving and are very accommodating and easy to work with.

They have one crew that moves everything, using pallet jacks to jack up the shelving and roll it to another area, and then another crew that comes in and removes the old carpet, preps the floors, and lay the new carpet. Moving crew gets another section ready and the flooring crew moves in while the moving crew puts back the first section. It took them just a little over a week to get our floors done. We didn't have to close, although we closed certain areas for safety on different days. We did carpet tile, by the way, which I highly recommend also.

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"As the area of our knowledge grows, so does the perimeter of our ignorance." Neil deGrasse Tyson

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To: Bret Boulter <bboulter@tadl.org>

Wed, Feb 21, 2024 at 11:44 AM

Bret,

I've attached copies of the RFP we put out when we replaced our carpet in 2020. The RFP also includes painting we did at the same time, so companies could apply to do the entire project, but they could bid for just one job, carpet or paint, as well. Not nearly as much space as you're looking at, but maybe it will help. What I would recommend you consider, advice I can give, is:

1. If you're doing it in parts, make part of the division between areas with shelving, and areas without (if possible and practical). Moving the shelves was a huge part of the process. If there are a few large areas where there's more easily moved furniture, like meeting spaces, staff work areas, things like that, getting them done together will mean you don't need to account for the added effort of moving shelves during that phase.
2. I did not write the RFP. We use Hennessey Engineers for our project management, I talked to them about what we wanted and they wrote the RFP for us, based on our needs. Strongly recommend you find someone with the skill and knowledge on how to write these, how the process works, and have them handle that side for you. Walking around with them also helped me figure out the things I didn't even know we needed to think about.
3. We went with carpet squares, and I'm entirely happy with the result. Our bid included an extra 10% over the estimated need to cover our space, so we have lots of extra squares we can pop in if needed, due to stains, unusual wear, etc. Haven't needed many yet, but it's a great option, and I'm sure we'll make use of more as the years grind by.
4. After the RFP process, when you have your guys, try to lock down a timetable, both overall and for each day. I was here 12+ hours most days while our carpet was being finished, because a

morning crew would do prep work (moving shelves back onto where the previous day laid down carpet, moving shelves out of the way for new work), then an afternoon/evening crew would tear up old carpet and put down new. Since we were closed anyway, we didn't really need to worry about the timing, but you might. When do they need access to the building to start each day, when should they be done and leaving, who is supervising at any given point if you need to close, or if you're not there to field questions, things like that. Maybe overkill, just something I wish had been possible for us.

5. It helps, may even be necessary, to have your carpet choice picked out when writing the RFP. I had some help with that, met with Library Design Associates long before we started, and was able to look at some of their books of samples to make my choices.

That's all I can think of now, it has been a few years. If you have any other questions as you go through the process, feel free to reach out, I'm happy to help. It's a big project, totally worth it once that nice new carpet is in; along with the fresh coat of paint, it completely revitalized the look of our library.

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