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and The Clinton County Initiative at
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The Clinton County Initiative
and the Friends group have created
a short flyer with key questions to
help educate the public. Please
visit the web page above and share
with your family, friends, and
neighbors!

We'd love to have you at the table each month
for The Clinton County Initiative's Guiding
Coalition gatherings as we come together
to maximize the potential of a great rural life!

*Let's meet
and connect at the
library!*



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 THE CLINTON CO
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the
Possibilities

of having
a countywide
21st century
library in
Clinton County, MO



You spoke, we heard!

After an 18-month feasibility study that involved listening to hundreds of residents and stakeholders, The Clinton County Initiative is delighted to share:

- Research on the best practices of rural library systems throughout the Midwest was gathered.
- The County Commissioners approved the recommendation to form a library district on October 10, 2024. The district includes all of Clinton County except Cameron, where the city residents already support a city library.
- The Commissioners appointed a Clinton County Library District Board of Trustees, per Section 182.015 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
- The Commissioners and the Board have agreed to propose a tax levy to the district's voters in the April 8, 2025 election.



The **Board** has now organized and holds its meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at The Community Courtyard in the county seat of Plattsburg, MO.

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A **Friends of the Clinton County Library** group has also formed as a separate group of volunteers to raise awareness and support countywide library services. Their meetings and events are posted on **Facebook and Instagram**. Just search for Friends of the Clinton County Library!

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF A LIBRARY TODAY?

Today's libraries are much more than books!

They are **vibrant hubs** that bring people of all ages together for information, job advancement, training programs, and educational events. They are **safe places** to gather, learn, and connect with neighbors.

A modern library has 21st century tools such as:

- **Digital resources** such as eBooks, audiobooks, music, magazines, newspapers, and journals that can be expensive to buy or rent elsewhere.
- Opportunities to connect with each other and the world through **physical resources**, including books, newspapers, magazines, and other reference materials. They are also a great place to learn about the world through credible news sources and find helpful programs and services.
- **Economic development** - Libraries help businesses grow their knowledge and help them **increase their bottom lines**.
- Library technologies offer creativity tools for people of all ages. Some libraries have **learning kitchens** and **maker spaces** with sewing machines, 3-D printers, large format printers, and other equipment for hobby and professional use.
- **Programs** on recreational, conservation, and agriculture land management, hunter education, gardening, wisely leveraging technology, and more through partners like the MO Department of Conservation and MU Extension!
- **Business support services** with copiers, scanners, and computers essential for navigating today's world.
- **Local history and genealogical resources**.
- **Access to local artists** with gallery walls and public spaces to display their work.
- **Local visitor information** as a great first impression for people outside the county.