



1 left: Conor being interviewed by NBC 15 outside the Imagination Center Library's main entrance; right: Imagination Center Library staff Rosemary Medrano, Sean Ottosen, Jamie Stanaway (not pictured Mary Todd)

Imagination Center at Reindahl Park Update

Staffing: Many exciting things happened in March to move the Imagination Center project along. We have hired the library supervisor (Rosemary Medrano) and the three librarians (Sean Ottosen, Jamie Stanaway and Mary Todd), all of whom currently work for Madison Public Library at other libraries. Rosemary has already mostly moved into her new role, and Sean, Jamie and Mary will officially become Imagination Center staff at the end of June. They are going to be a wonderful team and are already attending meetings and sharing great ideas and connections. Hiring is underway for librarians to fill their positions, and will begin for Library Assistant and Clerk positions soon.

Art: Artist Nate Page's [The Passage of Being](#) was selected as the Percent for Art project finalist for the Imagination Center in Reindahl Park. The final design will have some adjustments from original designs based on community member and art commission member feedback. We are excited to see this project move forward and can't wait to see it installed in the park!

Collection: 11,005 items were added to the Imagination Center collection in the month of March before our ILS Migration technical services freeze began. Many staff members learned how to unpack and inventory boxes of new books and link items to the catalog in a last mad rush to get items added before the migration.

Building: Construction is progressing! You can see recent pictures of the inside and outside of the building in our [NBC15 TV spots](#) from April 1's Library Giving Day. Interior walls have been drywalled and are being prepared for painting and tile. Roof work and storefront/window installation are in progress, and cabinetry is beginning to be installed.

Furniture, Technology & Operations: Shelving has been identified, other furniture selection work has begun, and technology is being planned. The fiber connection to the building is out for bid, and we are working through our E-Rate application for the new library to get discounted technology via SCLS, who oversees E-Rate for the whole system. There is a lot yet to figure out regarding the joint function of a Parks and Library facilities in a shared space and we are beginning operations meetings to make those many decisions which will inform facility

operations, programming, interagency communication, and more. And we are also keeping a close eye on the progress and timeline for the nearby Bartillon Men's Shelter.

Monthly construction updates are available on the [Engineering Department's project page](#) and shared out through the [Library's email newsletter](#), too.