



*1 Exterior and interior of Imagination Center, January 2026. Photo by City Engineering staff.*

### **Imagination Center at Reindahl Park Update**

I had the opportunity to walk through the building a few weeks ago and it looks much different now than when we visited as a Board in November. The roof is on, the walls are up, and the interior wall structures are up, giving visitors a better sense of the distinct spaces that will be in the finished building. The weather has affected construction a bit but so far the construction remains on schedule.

The four finalists for the public art piece that will be installed in Reindahl Park through Madison Arts Commission have been released and there is a public survey you can take by February 12. I encourage you to weigh in and share the news. MAC is working to get information out to five area schools, including Sandburg Elementary, and may arrange to gather in-person feedback at schools if time allows.

Collection purchasing and processing, furniture selection, and staff hiring are also progressing. We've conducted first round interviews for the Library Supervisor position and will be interviewing transfer candidates for the Librarian and Library Assistant positions soon, which will leave openings in other libraries which will be filled through our normal hiring process this spring. We are also beginning to work with key partners like Community Development Division for updates on the nearby Bartillon Men's Shelter and Literacy Network, who will host a variety of classes on site. And we've just established the new site as eligible for E-Rate, a federal technology reimbursement program for schools and libraries.

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