

# Project Narrative - anc1D 2008 Small Grants



**Title:** In 15 words or less, give a title that describes the project's main beneficial result.

This project will help to bridge the gap between the public and DC Public Library by helping express the needs of Mount Pleasant residents and organizations regarding the Mount Pleasant Library renovation.

**Narrative:** 500 words or less, all on this page. Label paragraphs - A: Group. B: Project. C: Benefits. D: Leverage.

## A. Group

The Mount Pleasant Library Study Group (MtPLSG) will bring together a diverse group of Mount Pleasant residents affected by the transformation of the Mount Pleasant Library.

The mission of the MtPLSG is to promote the public interest in the Mount Pleasant Public Library and ensure adequate community oversight of the proposed transformation of the Mount Pleasant Public Library, located in Ward 1.

The Library Study Group will research and disseminate information, as well as convene meetings to foster community consultation, discuss findings, identify concerns, and take action as participants so direct. It will act as a complement to the apolitical Mount Pleasant Library Friends.

## B. Project

This project, The Mount Pleasant Library Public Surveys, will help discern expressed library amenities and services among a sampling of Mount Pleasant residents regarding the renovation and transformation of the Mount Pleasant Library.

This grant will help the MtPLSG produce and disseminate surveys to local Mount Pleasant organizations, businesses, tenants, and community leaders, so to get a diverse array of input about what Mount Pleasant wants to see happen to their public library.

The MtPLSG will collect and tally these surveys and produce a public report for the DC Public Library, DC Council, and public at-large. This will go to further inform residents about where the transformation of their library has been, currently is, and with the reported information, together explore where the library transformation can go.

## C. Benefits

Currently DCPL leadership is working inside an executive vacuum making insular decisions with little direction and suggestion from the Greater Mount Pleasant residents – even tenants living in adjacent buildings have not been notified about the transformation plans or meetings. It is time to open the process to invite and receive valuable suggestions and energy from valuable Mount Pleasant residents.

This will be a a learn-and-serve opportunity, one where Mount Pleasant Library advocates serve as social statisticians and learn or enhance skills that involve public speaking, data tracking, and analytical social statistics. The project will see Mount Pleasant residents increase social networking by helping library advocates ask other residents about their new library, and then to discern a report of expressed needs of their neighbors to DCPL so to best develop this important civic project.

## D. Leverage

The volunteer hours put into this project will ultimately help us build the best library possible and thus help bring about better life outcomes for Mount Pleasant residents. On a quicker note, Mount Pleasant residents will undoubtedly network with more people and organizations -- bringing more people together for a worthy civic project, the transformation of the Mount Pleasant Library.