

Capital Campaigns: Building the Future for Beaufort County St. Helena Library @ Penn Center: *A Shared Destination*

At the Public Library Foundation of Beaufort County, our mission is to enhance and support our county libraries—both now and in the future. We are building an Endowment of \$10 million dollars to provide funds and opportunities for the future of Beaufort County Public Libraries. Yet some opportunities are here today.

Together with our partners below, we are building a new library on St. Helena—on 7-10 acres of land donated by the Penn Center. Beaufort County is sharing a vision with the Penn Center to create a new library in a place where freedom, equal access and the value of education stand strong.



Did you know that Penn Center is the site of one of the nation's first schools for freed slaves?

Penn Center is one of the most significant African American historical and cultural institutions in existence today. The St. Helena Library @ Penn Center will be unique—a *“green building”* that reflects the cultural, educational and historic values of both Penn Center and the Beaufort Public Library System.

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Key Facts:

The Capital Campaign for St. Helena Library @ Penn Center

- ❑ The St. Helena Library @ Penn Center will be, in total, a \$10 million project.
- ❑ To date, Beaufort County government has committed \$5 million dollars (for construction costs only) to build a 25,000 sq. foot facility.
- ❑ Penn Center has generously pledged 7-10 acres of land on which to build.
- ❑ Our goal is to build an expanded 35,000 sq. foot facility, fully furnished and equipped with technology and materials.
- ❑ The Capital Campaign for the St. Helena Library @ Penn Center will raise at least \$5 million dollars to expand and enhance this landmark facility.
- ❑ Additionally, this facility will house a County Emergency Operations Center, providing state-of-the-art fiber connectivity for all technology and communication needs.
- ❑ This means that the St. Helena Library @ Penn Center will serve as a “hub” and “distribution center” during the recovery phase of local emergencies.

How Can You Get Involved ?

If you would like to volunteer your time, talent or treasure to this landmark collaboration, please contact us at:

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