

# Website Redesign Project Update

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The website redesign project continues to make meaningful progress as we move from the design phase into development. While the design phase has taken longer than a typical implementation timeline due to the decision to pursue a fully custom design, we are pleased with the outcome and believe the additional time invested has resulted in a stronger, more user-centered product.

At this stage, design mockups have been approved for the following pages in both desktop and mobile formats:

- Homepage
- Library Location Page (Marcellus library)
- Local History & Genealogy (LHG) Page

The design process included multiple rounds of revisions and collaborative feedback involving the project team (Val & Dane), the administrative team, Website Committee, and Communications Team. This iterative process helped ensure the design aligns with organizational goals, usability expectations, branding, and patron needs.

## Design Iterations Completed

Page	Desktop site Iterations	Mobile site Iterations
Homepage	5	5
Location Page (Marcellus)	5	5
Local History & Genealogy Page	3	3

The project has now entered the code development stage, which is expected to take approximately 8–10 weeks. This phase includes development work as well as internal testing of website functionality, responsiveness, and navigation.

## Next Steps

The next major focus area is website content planning and organization. The project team will need to:

- Develop a revised website sitemap
- Identify 20 priority webpages for initial content development and migration

To support this work, the Website Committee is scheduled to meet on May 21 to discuss logical content groupings and overall site structure to help inform the new sitemap.

## Anticipated Challenges

One anticipated challenge involves the integration of the website's calendar functionality. The proposed calendar design is intended to pull event data from the LibCal API; however, two member libraries currently do not use Spring Share products for their website calendars. As a result, alternative methods may need to be explored to incorporate their event data while maintaining a cohesive and consistent user experience across the system's website.

Overall, the project continues to advance steadily, with strong collaboration across departments contributing to thoughtful design decisions and strategic planning for the next stages of implementation.