



Library Building Project

Writing Our Next Chapter



The Library Has The Best Stories

- > What
- > Why
- > How
- > Who

←← **RAVE REVIEWS:** Library stairwell with notes from patrons on why they love the library.



>WHAT: Essential Resource

Literacy, Information, Connection,
Learning, Sharing, Fun

>WHY: A Thriving, Connected Community

A library is an essential part of
our town's civic infrastructure.



>HOW: Materials, Technology, Instruction, Discussion, Workshops, Events

>WHO: EVERYONE, no matter their background or stage of life.

You belong here.



The Library
IS the Core
of Our
Community,
Providing lifelong
learning for all –
babies to seniors –
in a central downtown
location



OUR "SHARING ECONOMY" PROVIDES FREE...

Books DVDs, Audiobooks, Magazines, Newspapers, eBooks, Streaming Movies/TV/Documentaries, Research Databases, **Computers,** **Printing, Scanning, Fax Services,** Exam Proctoring, Connection to Local/State/Federal Information and Resources, **Tax Forms** and Instructions, Census information and support, **Collaboration with local schools, libraries, town departments** and committees, businesses, and non-profits, Storytime, Book Discussions, Author Talks, **Demonstrations and workshops** in the arts, nutrition, history, sports, science, nature, wellness (the list goes on...), **Events** such as music and theatrical performances and poetry readings, **Quiet study,** tutoring, **UKULELE and a SEWING MACHINE.**

IT'S A LOT!

WOW, the Tilton can provide all of this?

NOT without many obstacles...



Obstacles with the Current Building:

- > Accessibility
- > Space
- > HVAC
- > Energy Efficiency
- > Computer Availability
- > NEW Needs (COVID)

<< Popular teen program blocks
entry to bookshelves.

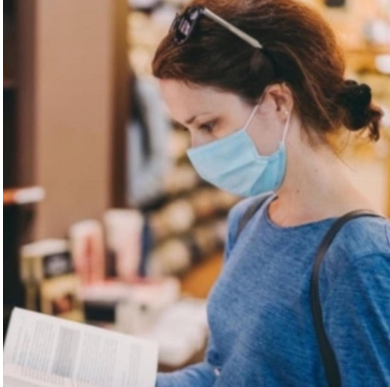


>ACCESSIBILITY:

- Only one bathroom, on one floor
- Narrow spaces
- Slow clunky lift (NOT an elevator)

>SPACE:

- Not enough space for number of books required by state... "WITH EVERY NEW BOOK, ONE NEEDS TO BE REMOVED."
- Teen "room" a narrow former closet >>
- No separate room for programs



>HVAC:

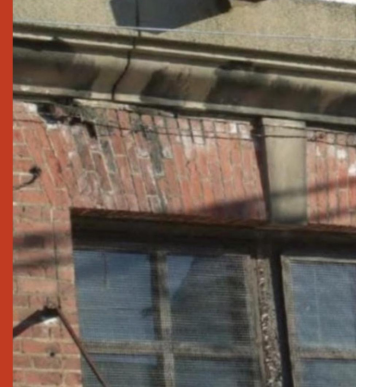
The air we breathe

COVID has drawn attention to the fact that the library does not have the proper ventilation system for healthy air in a busy public space.

>ENERGY

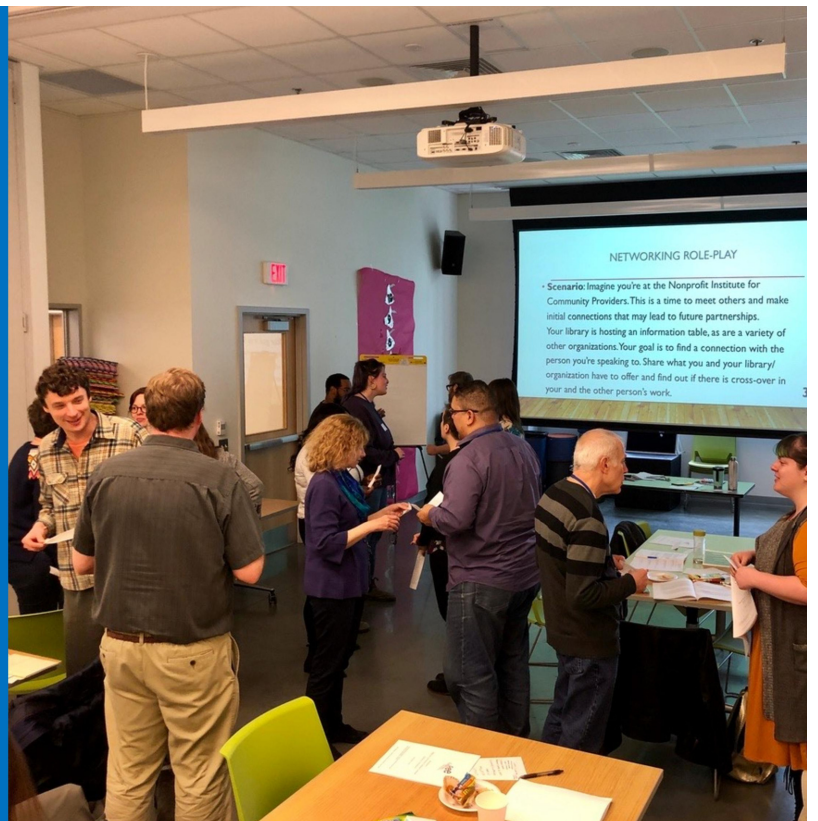
EFFICIENCY:

Old buildings are not energy efficient and have high heating and cooling bills.



> ANOTHER NOTE ON SPACE:

In order to be fully operational, libraries need ROOMS FOR OUR MANY PROGRAMS, as all libraries offer programs in their buildings. It is a big part of what we do.



>EMERGING Needs: Facing Public Health Crises



- > Flexible Space
- > Curbside Service Structures
- > Outdoor Computer Pavilion

- > Take Out Service Window
- > Top-notch ventilation
- > Specific Technology

Chance for a
Model Future-
Ready Building
for Deerfield!

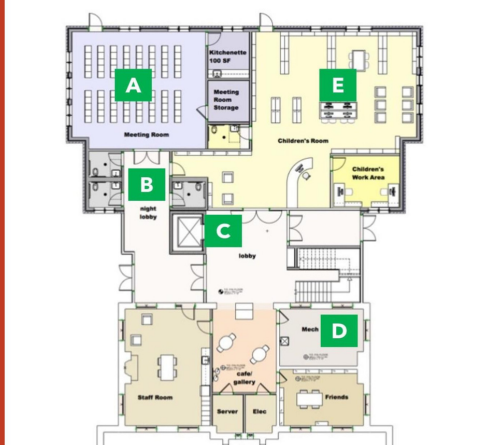
*More access and safety for our
town, in good times and bad.*





Proposed Library Renovation

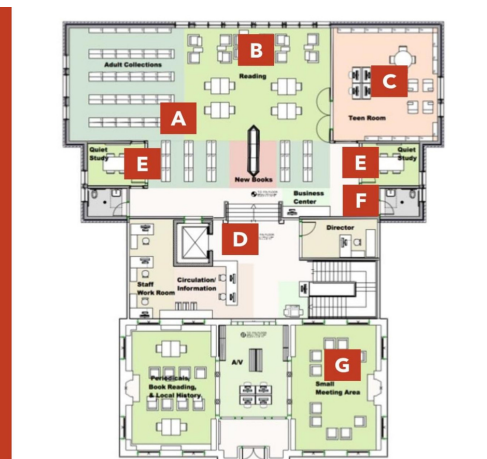
Will Address
Obstacles &
Meet Deerfield's
Growing Needs...



1st Floor:

- A. Program Room
- B. New Restrooms
- C. New Elevator
- D. New HVAC
- E. More space for kids

OVERALL:
Energy Efficiency



2nd Floor:

- A. More space for books
- B. More computers
- C. Teen Room
- D. Elevator
- E. Quiet Study
- F. New Restroom
- G. Meeting Room

Timeline:

- > Long Term Plans show growing needs of library for additional space: 2014 & 2019
- > A grant application is written for funding: 2014
- > A Tilton Building Committee identifies needs: 2015
- > A Project Manager is Hired for Guidance: 2015
- > An Architect is hired for the design: 2015
- > Community Meetings are held for feedback: 2016
- > A decision is made to renovate and expand existing historic building: 2016
- > A Grant is awarded for 50% of project cost (we are #15 on waitlist): 2017
- > A Tilton Capital Campaign Committee starts raising funds: 2017
- > We move up the waitlist to #2: July 2021
- > **WE GOT THE MBLC GRANT: JULY 7, 2022!**
- > **WE HAVE 6 MONTHS TO SECURE FUNDING: JANUARY 7, 2023**

THE BUILDING PROJECT:

What's Known:

- > MBLC grant offer July 7, 2022
- > Building square footage & grant program elements
- > ESTIMATED Cost (updated 8/22): \$12.3million
- > MBLC Grant Amount: \$4million
- > MBLC ONLY pays for library projects
- > Library committed to raising \$2million
- > If we are not able to fully fund project, we'd have to start from scratch many years from now.
- > Program Room would be fully staffed and ready to use.

What's Not (yet):

- > Building design / materials
- > Building expansion orientation
- > Energy costs of new building
- > Need for any additional staff (not likely)

Reaching out to build support...



...with help from community

- > Fundraising & marketing consultants have been hired
- > WORKING WITH OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
 - > More people want to pledge money to this project!
 - > Only current project in town that is fundraising, which shows real dedication on behalf of town residents, library trustees, and businesses.
- > PETITION OF SUPPORT being distributed to Deerfield taxpayers by volunteers

Here's to the future success of our library!



MERE CURIOSITY ADDS WINGS TO EVERY STEP.
- JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

SOAR WITH THE LIBRARY.

Questions?
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