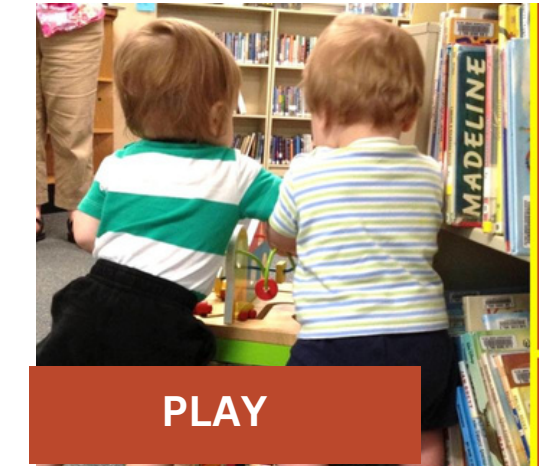


The Library
IS the Core
of Our
Community,
Providing lifelong
learning for all –
babies to seniors –
in a central downtown
location



PLAY



EDUCATION

"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination." - Caitlin Moran

WE NEED A BIGGER BOAT TO SERVE ALL OUR PEOPLE



MEETINGS



COLLABORATION



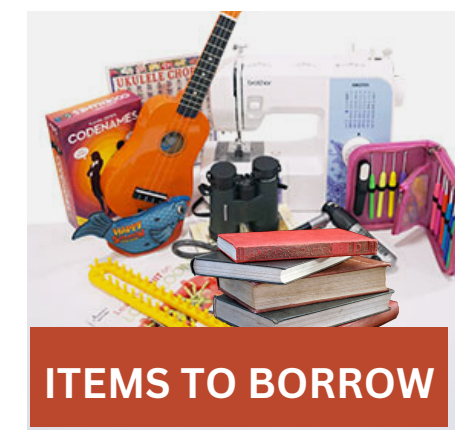
COMMUNITY



SKILLS



SOCIALIZATION



ITEMS TO BORROW



TECHNOLOGY



CULTURE

Obstacles with the Current Building:

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



NEED BETTER
TEEN SPACE



NEED BETTER
ACCESSIBILITY

"Fighting for money for libraries is like fighting for the common good." - Sen. Jo Comerford

WE NEED A BETTER BOAT TO HELP OUR PEOPLE MORE



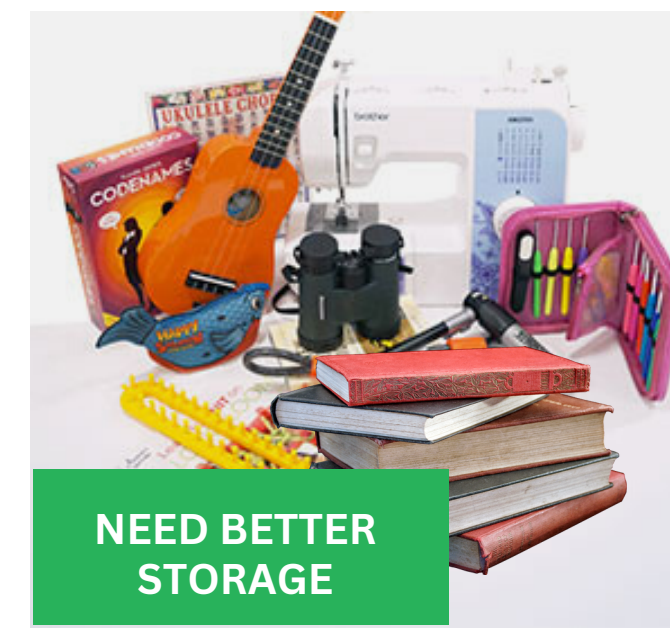
NEED BETTER
GATHERING SPACE



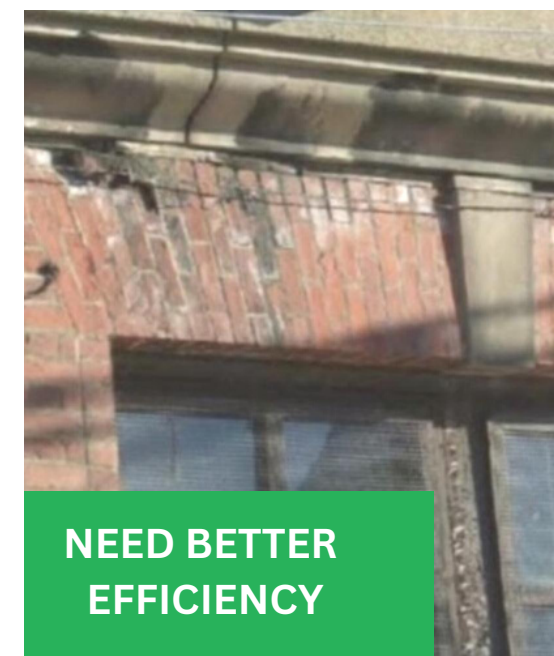
NEED BETTER
TECHNOLOGY



NEED BETTER
AIR QUALITY



NEED BETTER
STORAGE



NEED BETTER
EFFICIENCY



The Library Has The Best Stories

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

Here's our next chapter...

TIMELINE:

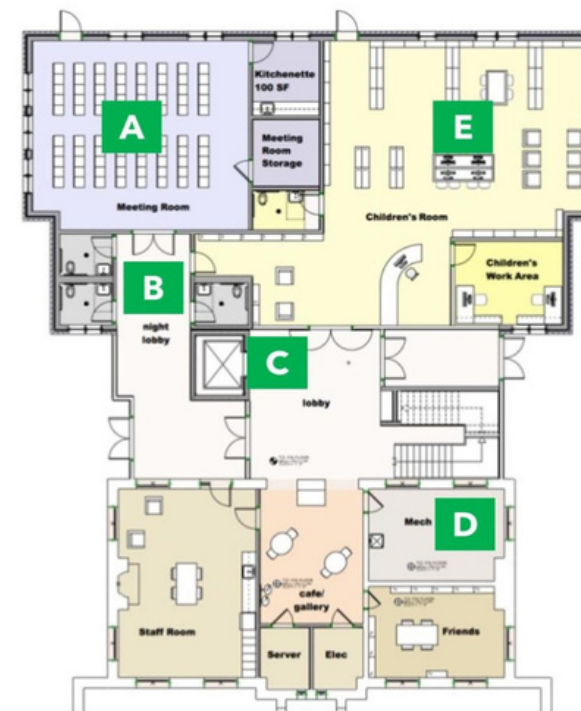
- 2009, 2014, 2019: Long Term Plans with community input show growing needs of library with need for additional space
- 2014: Deerfield Selectboard approves library application for funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
- 2015: A Tilton Building and Design Committee made up of Deerfield residents identifies needs
- 2015: A Project Manager is hired for guidance and technical assistance
- 2015: An Architect is hired for the preliminary design
- 2016: Community Meetings are held for feedback
- 2017: Grant is awarded for 50% of project cost at the time (we are #15 on waitlist)
- 2017: Tilton Capital Campaign Committee starts raising funds
- July 2022: WE GET THE GRANT!
- JANUARY 9, 2023: WE HAVE 6 MONTHS TO SECURE FUNDING



Proposed Library Renovation

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

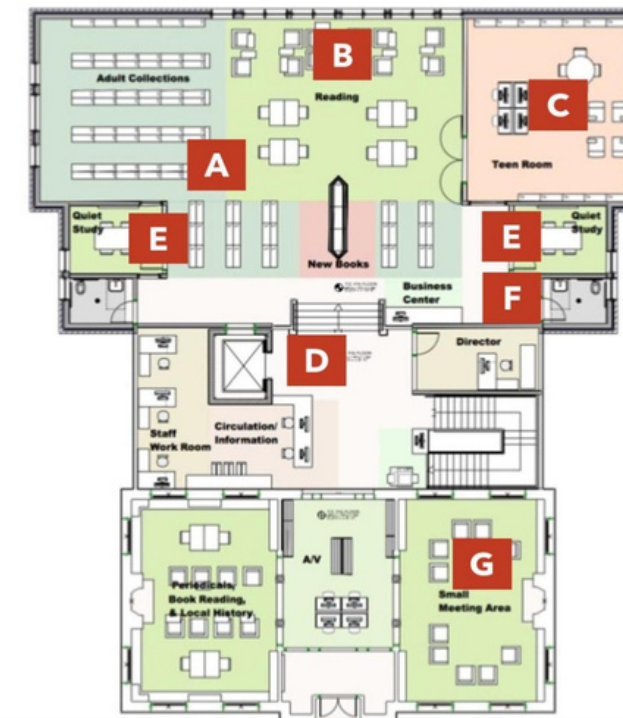
The design is flexible, in order to save the trees in back! We must keep the same square footage to keep the grant.



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



About the Grant

MBLC Construction Grant



Massachusetts Libraries

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) Grant

- The purpose of the grant is to provide financial support to municipalities in order to plan, design and carry out improvement and/or expansion of their public library facilities.
- The MPLCP has been continuously funded through state bond authorizations since 1987.
- In July 2022, Tilton Library became eligible for a \$4M Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Construction Grant.
 - In order to receive the grant, the Town must go through the **two-step approval process** of a two-thirds vote in favor at the Monday, October 24th Town Meeting and the subsequent public ballot.
 - This is the **LAST** Grant round where the MBLC is distributing grants to all complete submissions



About the Cost

Appropriation

Total Estimate
MBLC Grant
Donations
LEED Certification

\$ 12,300,000
\$ 3,944,398
\$ 2,000,000
\$ 100,000

Needed by the Town

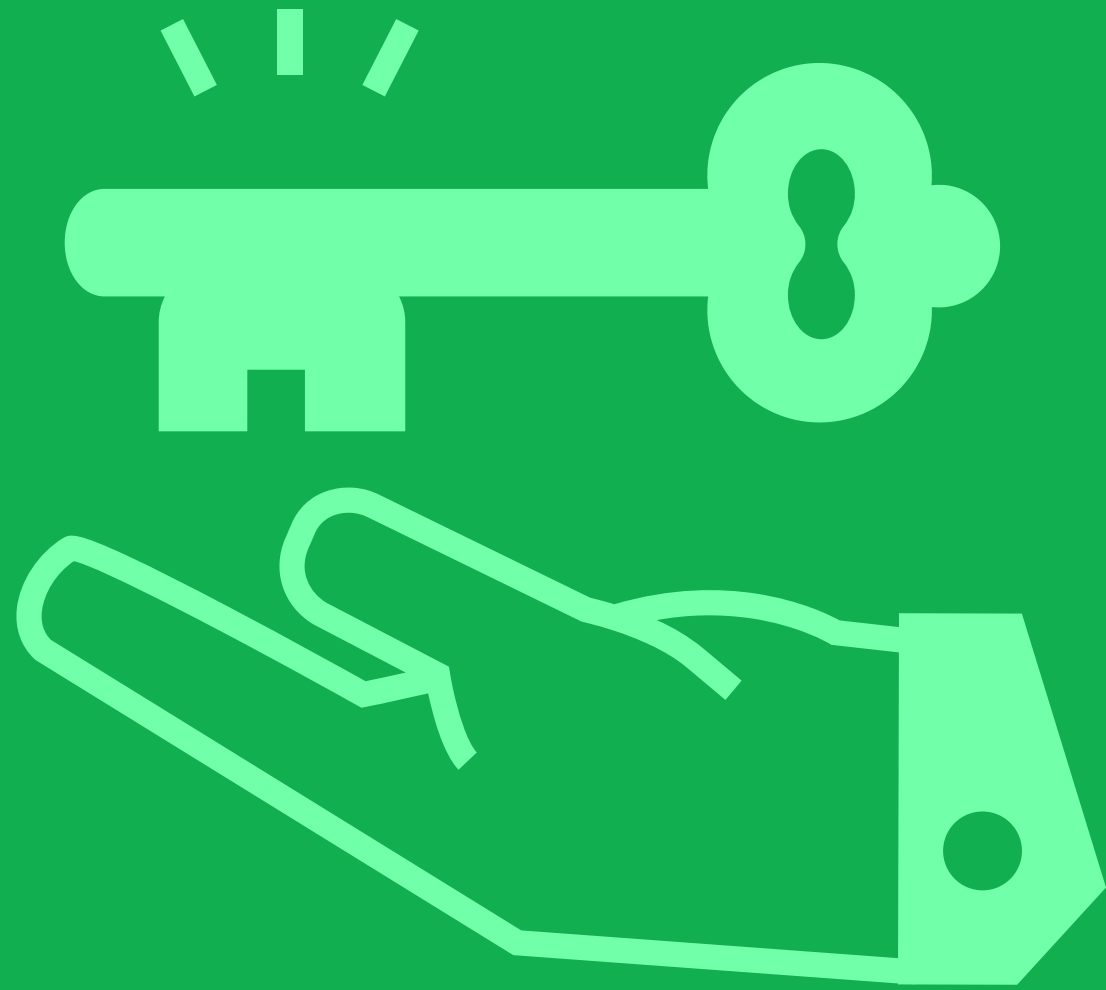
\$ 6,255,662



***Working to
lower the
tax impact
to you***

For the average assessed household your **TAX BILL WOULD BE \$12.26/MONTH OR \$2.88/WEEK**, less than renting one movie. If we get the added state funds that tax bill would go down to pennies a week.

In addition to the grant and fundraising offset, your Selectboard joined with those of 11 other towns across the state with grant-listed libraries, to secure the support of 40 state legislators who will work to get each town the amount of their cost escalation - in our case it would be \$4.3M!



Deerfield will not see this kind of opportunity to improve and expand a beloved old town building, at this low price, again.

If this opportunity is passed by, our old library will continue to age and the price to repair it in the future will far surpass the cost we see today.