"Necessary to meet the needs of our growing town." – Maggie Locker

Thank you for your support.


"If possible, could there be small rooms with windows looking out and doors to do private group studying?


Our plans include:

- 2 2-seat tutoring rooms in the Children's Room (no outside windows, glass windows/door to see into the room)
- 2 2-seat tutoring rooms on the second level (no outside windows, glass windows/door to see into the room)
- 1 4-seat room on the second level (outside window)
- 1 6-seat room on the second level (no outside windows, glass windows/door to see into the room)
- 1 8-seat room on the second level (outside window)
- 1 10-seat room on the second level (outside window)

These 8 spaces will likely not be sufficient to meet demand, but we have done the very best we could to fit private study spaces in at every opportunity.


"Should be like Shrewsbury's Library cool idear (sic)"

Shrewsbury designed an excellent library for the needs of their Town. They have a larger population and a larger commercial tax base. Private and business donors contributed private money to help fund their expansion. Shrewsbury's design is an excellent model, but what works in Shrewsbury may not necessarily work in Grafton, but here are some of the things we like that we have included in our plan:

- Gates to separate library from meeting space for after hours meeting room use
- Standing desks for staff
- Automatic materials sorter
- Outdoor space (we implemented a roof patio and a children's garden)
- Window seats

"Northborough Library is very nice! Two-story and peaceful."

"I second this! One of the best libraries in the area."

Thank you for your comment.

"What is the current timeline?"
The current timeline is:

- Jan 2017 Submit Grant Application
- Jan-April – public comment continues
- May 2017 – Town Meeting vote on design and funding
- June 2017  Ballot vote for funding
- June 2017 - Approval of Design required
- July 2017 - Grants Awarded
- October 2017 – Town Meeting vote on funding (if it fails at May Town Meeting)
- January 2018 – Funding secured
- July 2018-December 2023??? Construction takes 18-24 months from going out to bid to grand opening. Construction start date depends on Grant Award / Waiting list placement.

What Green Initiatives will the Library include?
Please see our LEED chart.


"Teen Room: Bay windows and a little nook and a charging area where we can charge electronics while sitting in bean bags or lounge chairs. Also there could be a summer program and a program room for events and such; work room where people can work on projects, homework, tutoring, etc.

The plans include booth seating for teens along a window but not a window seat. Nooks are problematic from a staffing point of view. The building program called for floor outlets and wall outlets. Some furniture may be wired for charging. We will continue with our Library Summer Programming for all ages in the new building. Teens do not have a dedicated Program Room – the entire Teen Room can be closed off for teen programs in the space, the adjacent Youth Services program room can be utilities for Teen Programs, the public meeting room may be used for teen programs, and quiet study space may be booked by the Library for teen programs. The Teen Space includes a DIY project table and a computer lab, and a gaming space that can be utilized for projects and movies. Teens will also have access to tutoring and study space throughout the Library.


"Book Return box outside that you can drive up to and return books without getting out of your car."

We did not include a drive up book drop in our plans; however, we can consider keeping our current book drop, which is high enough to drive up to. A staff member would have to empty it daily and feed the returned items through the sorter. Will take it under consideration!

"More parking and parking lot located off or far away from the 'rotary'"

The site plans include parking for 80+ cars extending 300' away from the library over an incline of around 4'.

Will there be computers?

The plans include 2 sit down workstations for Preschools (AWE Early Literacy computers with skill-building games), 4 sit down workstations for school age children, 2 stations for teens, and 4 stations for adults. In addition, we have included 4 laptop carts to hold 8-10 computers/tablets for children, teens, and adults for in-library use with centralized printing.

"Will there be a quiet area?"

Both the Main Reading Room and Large Print Room are likely to be quiet areas. In addition, there are 8 tutoring/quiet study rooms available.

"Please have a little garden with tables"

We have planned garden space, but not seating in that area yet .Good idea!

"The Railing above the entrance is superfluous and impedes snow melt. Either provide a French Door for access to shovel off or tall window [for exit] next to the palladium window)"

We will share this feedback with the architect, thank you!

"The [indecipherable] at the second register should be symmetrical!" (illustration of missing window)

We will share this feedback with the architect, thank you!