Public Comments 1 Responses:

"Elevator, not lift!"

The plans include a full service elevator.

"Can there be a book drop outside that goes inside the Library?"
The plans include an Automatic Materials Sorter. Borrowers can scan books from outside the library (when the Library is open or closed) or inside the library (when the library is open) and they are scanned and then sorted into a bin for reshelving. The site plan shows a convenient pull up for a quick hop in and out of the car.

"A coat rack/hooks for backpacks"

This is not shown on the plans, but it's a good suggestion! We can include this on interior walls in several sections of the Library: Near stroller parking for families and school age children, in the teen area, in the tween area, in the study rooms, in staff areas for volunteers.

"Computers for kids with programs like ABC mouse?"
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.

"Drive Up Drop Off"

Our site plan includes a curved drive to drop off/pick up library users, or to hop out of the car to return books. We are not offering a Drive Thru option.

"Snuggly reading spots with cubby or fort-like nooks"

We have included a Tree for imaginative play in the Children's room. Curling up inside may be a possibility. We may also be able to provide this feel through furnishings. Nooks and cubbies are problematic from a staffing point of view. We need to be able to have good sightlines to maintain appropriate Library conduct.

"Computer lab for coding"

The plans do not include a computer lab; however, youth spaces have dedicated computers for this purpose and a 3-D printer is planned for the Teen Room. We will be able to offer a pop up computer lab for 8-20 people at a time by reserving a cart or two of laptops and reserving a meeting space or study room for this purpose.

"Adult Game Space!"

The plans do not include dedicated gaming space for adults. However, adults will be able to create their own pop up gaming space by checking out a console and booking a study room—they will be equipped with televisions or white boards with easy access to HDMI / computer input. It should be noted that teen gaming spaces may also be used to watch a movie or work on a project; the technology is not limited to gaming.

"Game/Tabletop Adult Games"
The plans include the current collection, and plenty of tables and seating is provided to play games.

"Teen Area"

The plans include a teen area with the Teen collection, a gaming space, a DIY craft table, display space, computers and printers, study tables, and space for the teen librarian.

"Art Room Kids & Adults rental for classes"

The plans include a large meeting room that seats 117 which can be split into 2 smaller rooms for classes. Tables and chairs are provided for multipurpose instruction and conferencing.

Meeting and study rooms will be available for free to non-profit users, and for a fee to for-profit users, following the Town's meeting room use policy.

"Be sure Upton Street sidewalk connects to the bookdrop area."

Our plan includes a sidewalk that runs from the front of the building, facing the Common on South Street around the corner on Upton Street, with paths to the emergency exit and to the book drop and new entrance.