

An Expanded Library would offer...

- More efficient heating, cooling, lighting, and electrical systems.
 - Better accessibility and safety throughout the building.
 - A substantially larger Meeting Room, along with 2 additional smaller meeting rooms and 2 quiet study rooms.
 - A dedicated Young Adult space, an expanded Children's Room, and a shared programming room for both.
 - More than double the seating, both for study and relaxation.
 - Double the computers.
 - An additional 18 parking spaces.
- Most importantly –
- *A building designed to be flexible and efficient for 20 or more years.*



East Bridgewater Public Library

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East Bridgewater Public Library Expansion



Start here. Go anywhere!

Where we are now...

The East Bridgewater Public Library was built in 1896 thanks to the generosity of Cyrus Washburn, who donated \$10,000 to finance its construction. The Children's Room was added in 1932 via the Federal Works Project, and the mezzanine was added in 1963. The building was expanded in 1978, and a new circulation desk was added in 2009.



Its 16,000 square feet contain more than 61,000 physical items that can be borrowed — 40% of these materials are for children and young adults — with an additional 5,000 downloadable titles available with your library card.

An expanded Library would mean additional services, such as classes & workshops, along with evolving collections that we are not able to provide due to limited usable space.

Some facts:

- 7,576 East Bridgewater residents hold library cards, more than 52% of the total population.
- An average of 200 or more people visited the library each day in 2018.
- Nearly 91,000 items from our Library were borrowed in 2018 —not counting those to or from other libraries.
- We provided space for more than 400 tutoring sessions.
- More than 1,100 people used our public access computer terminals in 2018 to work on resumes, apply for jobs, search for information, and more .
- In 2018, the library offered over 240 free programs, covering all age groups, with each program attended by an average of 15 or more people.
- The library's Community Room hosts meetings for at least 8 community groups meeting once a month or more often, as well as many others that meet less frequently.

Questions and Answers:

How big will the renovated Library be?

Expanding from 16,000 ft² to over 25,400 ft²; it will be approximately 25% larger.

How much will this cost?

Estimated project total: \$17,793,378
Less: estimated MBLC grant (47.9%) - 7,924,149
Less: estimate MBLC Green incentive — 198,104
TOWN'S SHARE OF TOTAL COST: \$9,671,125

How much will it cost ME?

Approximately .35 per thousand on the value of each household. On an average \$300,000 home, you would pay an additional \$105 per year.

When will work begin?

Our MBLC construction grant was approved, and we are on the waiting list to receive funds, perhaps as soon as summer 2019. If the community supports the plan, construction could start anywhere between 2020 and 2024.

Will we have library service available during construction?

Yes! A temporary library will be available.

Will there be any public hearings?

Yes, there will be formal Planning Board as well as Zoning Board hearings. These will be properly posted. Questions can be presented to the Board of Trustees or Library Director at any time.

How can I support the Library Expansion? Thank you so much! You can donate at <http://www.washburnfoundation.org>