Town Meeting Article 20

The Lynnfield Library Building Project

Monday, April 25, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.
Lynnfield Middle School Auditorium

Town of Lynnfield
Lynnfield Public Library
William Rawn Associates, Architects
Design Technique, Inc., Owners Project Manager

www.lynnfieldlibrary.org/library-building-project/

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The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners requires

• Town Meeting approval to submit a public library construction grant request

• Preliminary site plan and schematic design approval

**NO COST TO THE TAXPAYER TO APPLY FOR THE STATE GRANT**

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Limited, tight street parking and only “designated” handicap parking spaces
Per State guidelines, our library would require 36 off street parking spaces.
• Only 8 spaces are available in the rear
Overflow and staff parking available in Town Hall parking lot:
• Across 2 dangerous streets
• Stop signs in one direction only

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BUILDING ACCESS

• Only public entrance consists of two sets of double doors - neither is automated
• Patrons in wheelchairs and caregivers with children in strollers - struggle to get inside
• During heavy rain, parking lot can overflow and water flows down the emergency exit stairs and under the door into the basement

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FICTION AREA DURING BASEMENT FLOODING

- Severe rainstorms cause parking lot and stream to flood, water pours down emergency exit into the basement
- Cleanup/testing for mold closed basement over month in 2014 eliminating access to fiction, newspaper back issues and Friends Book Sale / Mechanical Rooms

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PERSISTENT DEFICIENCIES

- Lights on either side of ceiling fans permanently off due to strobe effect when lit
- DPW does not replace lights until a sufficient number have burned out
- Large number of burnt out lights make parts of the room feel dark and gloomy
- Severe weather causes major water leaks throughout the building - Youth Services, Genealogy, Circulation Desk area and Technical Services

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MAIN READING ROOM

• Barrel vaulted ceiling in Reading Room/Mezzanine creates untenable acoustics throughout building
• Intensified noise levels during small programs and meetings held on mezzanine
• No designated quiet areas for studying or reading; fully used by teens and tutors during after school hours
• Palladian window light becomes blinding, creating glare when the sun is high

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MEETING SPACE

- Folding partition screen blocks (some) noise from rest of building
- All tables and chairs must be rearranged before and after each program
- Nonfiction collection largely inaccessible to patrons during programs

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TODDLERS AND CHILDREN

- Lack of designated program space causes programs to be held amidst collections and no places for caregivers and children to sit together
- Limited seating; caregivers forced to stand while children participate
- During programs access and use of the collections are limited
- Need to shelve books higher than a small child can reach

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• Young Adult space virtually non-existent, noisy and unable to accommodate 20+ middle school students who regularly visit after school squeezing out others
• When a program is running, collections become completely inaccessible
• Limited shelving for collections and unreachable top shelf also used
• No space is available for teen computers

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SITTING AREAS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

- Internet stations also double for reading when not in use
- IT / wiring setup is hodgepodge and wires easily disconnected by patrons’ feet
- Minimal Wi-Fi bandwidth and outlets. Patrons bring laptops and use mezzanine for hours at a time restricting use by others

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THE NEXT 20 YEARS - A 21ST CENTURY LYNNFIELD LIBRARY ...

• Is a safe and accessible community facility that supports information, connections & community.

• Will architecturally reflect the rich heritage of Lynnfield.

• Is dynamic and flexible while able to adapt to evolving technologies.

• Supports literacy for all ages through a diverse collection and innovative programming.

• Is an educational center, providing spaces and resources for collaborative learning and cultural events.

• Provides dynamic spaces for connecting with friends, neighbors and classmates and open to community at all hours (not just Library hours).

• Is a vibrant 21st Century Library to support education, life long learning, and our quality of life in our information economy for our 21st Century residents and staff.

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SITE PLAN

Schematic Conceptual Site Plan

LYNNFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preliminary March 25, 2016

WILLIAM RAWN ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS INC.
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VOTE YES