Public Meeting

Library Project – Grant Application Review

Town Administrator Update – Jim Boudreau

CFAC Update – Ted Caswell

Thursday, March 30, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
Meeting House

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

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Activity Answers:

Name the Book Title:

- = Charlotte’s Web

- = The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Trivia
1. True or False -
The library is the tallest building in Lynnfield. **True, the Library has the most “stories”**

2. The library had ____ # of visitors to the library last fiscal year. **C. 92,963 visitors to the library**

3. What is the physical collection size of the library? **71,000 items**

4. Which author wrote, “Think and wonder, wonder and think” and “Oh the things you can think”? **Dr. Seuss**

5. The Lynnfield Public Library’s children room was originally. **B. a School, built in 1856**
BUILDING PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Educational center – areas, resources for collaborative learning, cultural events, individualized activities and interdisciplinary exploration;
- Safety and accessibility;
- Community spaces open outside of Library hours – events, meetings;
- Architecturally reflecting Lynnfield’s rich heritage;
- Dynamic and flexible - adaptable for future needs, technologies;
- Support literacy for all ages with dynamic programming
- Focus on collection management - meet diverse user needs;
- Inspirational aura stimulating connectivity with friends, neighbors and classmates.

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APRIL & OCTOBER 2016
TOWNS MEETING APPROVED ARTICLES

• Submitting a public library construction grant proposal request

• Preliminary site plan and schematic design located at Reedy Meadow

• Land for Public Library under control of the Public Library Trustees

• Agreement for on-going operations & maintenance of parcel by Town until Town approves funding a new Library

NO COST TO THE TAXPAYER TO APPLY FOR THE STATE GRANT

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COST

• Estimated Total Project Cost $ 21M in 2020/21 dollars

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FUNDING

• MBLC Grant estimated at $8.1M

• Town Funding estimated at $13M
  - Debt financing

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Jim Boudreau
ESTIMATED TAXPAYER COST

• Taxpayer impact
  • $31.06/$100,000 assessed property valuation
  • $190 – 250 per average house
  • Average Single Family Value per DOR in 2017 is $618,665

• Market Value of Residences and Businesses positively impacted

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**Value Relationship**

**LET’S GO TO THE LIBRARY!**

**BORROW VS BUY**

American’s check out an average of 8 books a year. They spend $36.96 a year for the public library - about the average cost of one hardcover book.*

Lynnfield Patrons check out an average of 11 items a year.


72% of Lynnfield Residents have a Library Card

**MORE THAN JUST BOOKS**

5,656 people attended a program at the Lynnfield Library in FY2016

An average of 470 people use the public internet computers in the Lynnfield Library every week.

The Lynnfield Library provides over 14,000 wireless sessions to patrons in a single year.

Source: ARIS 2016

**Open Fiscal Year 2016**

Visitors to the library: 92,963

Hours open each week: 64

The Reference Librarians answered 11,641 of your questions

5,480 Ebooks were Borrowed

The Lynnfield Library Website was visited 26,763 times

Sources: ARIS 2016, Google Analytics

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

- July 13, 2017 – MBLC announces grant awards and timing
- 6 months after grant monies available for Lynnfield, Town needs to agree funding Total Project Cost
- Earliest possible approval January 2018

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“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”

—Andrew Carnegie
Capital Facilities Advisory Committee Update

Ted Caswell, Chairman