



Amityville Public Library

2022 BOND REFERENDUM

In September of 2021, the Board of Trustees had a Facilities Study formally conducted to identify and assess the Amityville Public Library for upgrades, ADA, code, and safety concerns. Over the years, the Board has been addressing major building renovations and repairs in a fiscally responsible way using capital reserve funds instead of bonds.

However, the building turned 52 years old on March 20th, 2022, and while it is still a fully functioning library, there are no public toilets anywhere on the first floor, the elevator is not ADA accessible, the two main staircases are not to code, and the only community gathering spaces are located in the basement. These along with many other substantial renovations are long overdue.

Our Library patrons continue to ask for quiet study areas, along with additional community rooms for the many Amityville community groups that regularly meet at the Library. These additions would allow for more library classes and services, as well as an expanded space for our children's room. Today's community libraries have greatly evolved, especially in the areas of technology. Our electrical infrastructure was not built to anticipate the world of computers, smartphones, and other devices that receive heavy use in our library building. While we will always have books, information, and research, we also provide education, cultural, recreational, and technological classes, and services to our patrons of all ages.

Our goal is to be a dynamic institution that continually strives to be responsive to our community's needs. The Library Board has taken all of the above into consideration, as well as thorough comprehensive analyses, including a facility evaluation, to develop a practical renovation and expansion plan to meet the needs of our community and on August 24th, 2022, the Board of Trustees voted in favor of a bond referendum to cover the cost of the renovation and expansion project.



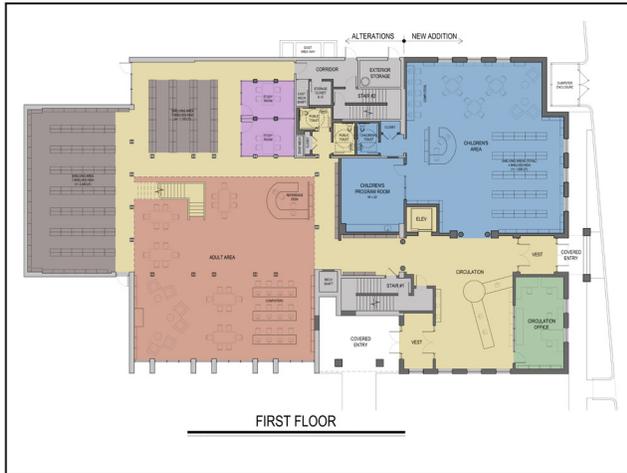
In-person public information dates:

- Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m.



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Some highlights of the project include:

Two Story Building Addition

Main Level – 3,800 square feet

- New Children's Area with a Dedicated Program Room
- New Circulation Area & Office
- New Entrances – South & East
- New Elevator – to access all three levels
- New associated HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical & Fire Alarm

Second Level – 2,800 square feet

- New Meeting Space
- New Public Toilets
- New associated HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical & Fire Alarm

Second Level Exterior Terrace – 1,200 square feet

Existing Building Alterations/Restorations/Upgrades

Site Improvements

- Walks
- Landscaping

Building Exterior Restoration/Upgrades

- Masonry Walls
- Stucco Walls
- Exterior Wood Structure
- Window Systems

Building Interior Alterations/Upgrades

- New Teen Space
- New Public Toilets
- New Elevator
- Carpet & Finishes Replacement
- Lighting Replacement (LED Upgrade)
- Sewage Ejector System Upgrade
- Electrical Service Upgrade – related to Building Addition
- Fire Alarm System Upgrade – related to Building Addition

Library Bond Vote

Tuesday, November 15th, 2022

12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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19 John Street, Amityville NY, 11701

Project Cost Summary:

- Bond Referendum Amount: **\$9.85 million**
- Bond Term: **20 years**
- Estimated average Library tax increase: **\$87 per year**