

Mission: To inspire lifelong learning and discovery in a welcoming place with exceptional resources, programs and services.



Vision: To be the community's vibrant hub for engagement, discovery and creativity.

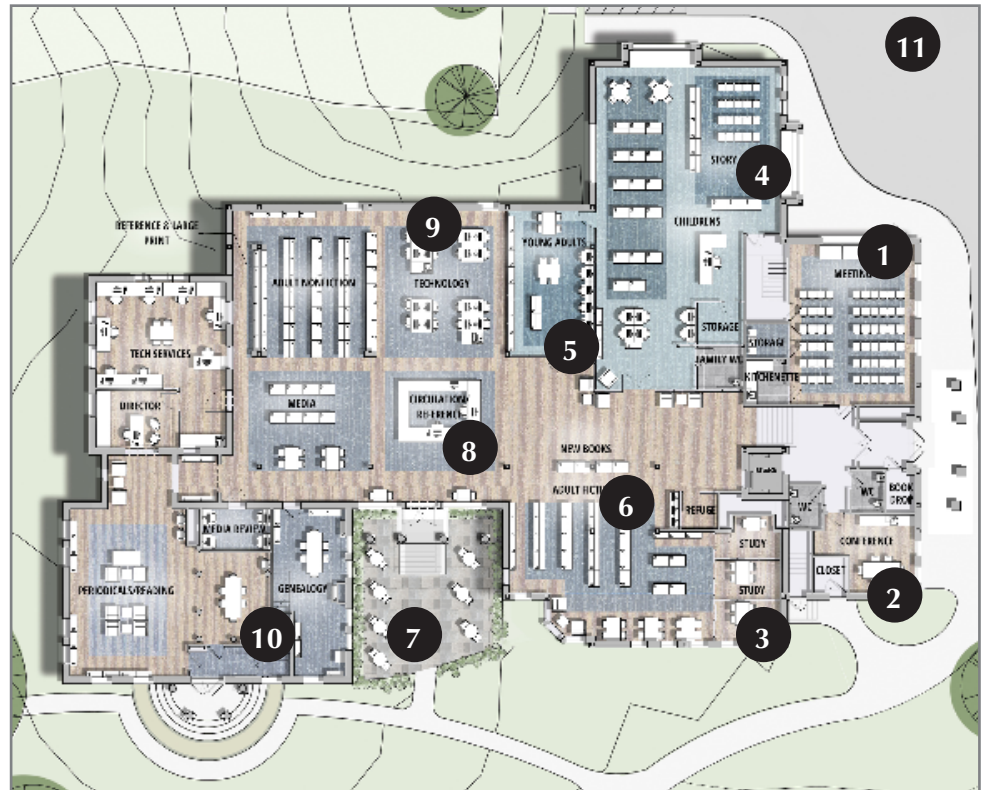
Renewal Project Update & Plans

This Spring, the Library is pleased to share with you the final conceptual plans for the Library renewal developed by LLB Architects. You may recall that the Library hired LLB in early 2017 to help us evaluate the Library's infrastructure and plan for the future. We are very pleased with the resulting plans and are happy to share them with you, along with answers to some frequently asked questions.

What changes will be made to the building and grounds?

The changes will occur within the current building footprint. While addressing necessary maintenance needs, we will reallocate space to better meet the needs of today's patrons and those of the future. The plans include the following improvements:

- 1 Updated meeting room with easy-to-use technology
- 2 New small conference room for meetings of 6-8 people
- 3 Three additional small study / tutor / meeting rooms
- 4 Dedicated storytime and craft space within the Children's Room
- 5 New Young Adult room



- 6 Lighter, more open space, including seating overlooking Lyme street, and more clearly defined collections
- 7 New patio overlooking Lyme street and new garden for reading, conversation, and special events
- 8 Single service desk for improved customer service
- 9 Larger technology space with room for new services
- 10 Improved storage for special collections
- 11 Nine additional parking spaces, along with more conveniently located handicap parking

Why is this project necessary?

There are three answers to this question.

I.
The current building was renovated nearly 25 years ago. Many of the mechanical systems are nearing the end of their natural life expectancy, including several rooftop HVAC units, 2 boiler pumps, and the lighting fixtures. The carpet, paint, furnishing, and other finishes have likewise not been updated since 1995.

II.
Significant changes have occurred in our culture and the way people gather information in the past 25 years. The advent of social media and smartphones, the decreasing cost of technology, and

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a dramatic increase in publishing and the availability of information have changed people's information needs. Rather than decreasing dependence on the Library, these changes have resulted in a 70% increase in reference questions since the new building opened in 1996. During this time the Library has already added services, including one-on-one technology assistance, new e-collections, and more programs (90% increase) attended by even more people (140% increase).

III.

Input from survey and focus groups during long-term planning begun in 2013 identified opportunities to better meet patrons' needs and expectations. Many of the goals we set in consequence require changes to the Library's space.

How much will it cost?

The total project cost will be \$3,050,000. This cost will include both construction and soft costs, such as furnishings, technology, and shelving. It also includes a built-in construction contingency

fund. **The Library has secured a \$1,000,000 construction grant from the Connecticut State Library.** The Library is requesting \$1,750,000 from the Town of Old Lyme and has committed to raising the remaining \$300,000.

How is town funding decided, and how will it impact me?

The Board of Selectmen voted on May 7 to send approval of \$1.75 million for the Library renewal to Town Meeting. A vote by the Board of Finance to do the same is still pending. Once it occurs, a Town Meeting will be scheduled, likely for late June or early July. The decision whether to fund the request through note or bonding would be made later. The following household costs are based on a 15-year note with a conservatively high interest rate:

Appraised Home Value	FY18/19 Tax Increase	FY19/20 Tax Increase
\$347,200	\$5.00	\$24.00
\$540,200	\$8.00	\$38.00
\$1,254,400	\$18.00	\$88.00

What is the timeline, and how will services be impacted?

The Library plans to remain open without relocating during construction. The work will be phased with as few disruptions to services as possible. To this end, we plan to begin work this coming winter, during the Library's quietest time. We anticipate the following timeline:

June/July 2018: Secure town funding

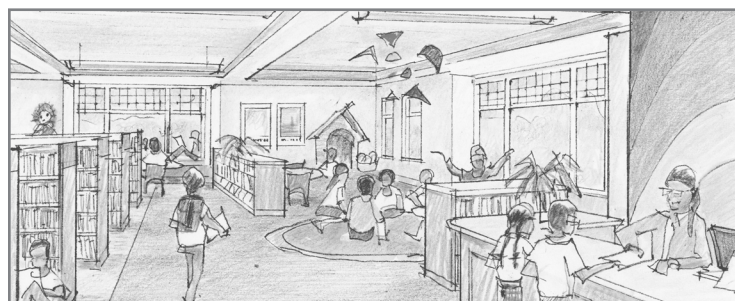
Summer 2018: Bid out final architectural work

Summer/Fall 2018: Complete final design and bid out construction services

Early 2019: Begin construction

Summer/Fall 2019: Renovation complete

The Library will hold an additional informational meeting and tour on Tuesday, June 12, at 5:30pm. Additional meetings may be scheduled; check our website for the most up-to-date information. You may also contact Library Director Katie Huffman at 860.434.1684x110 or khuffman@oldlyme.lioninc.org.



REMEMBERING BOARD MEMBER DAVID RAHR (1938 - 2018)

David Rahr joined the Library Board of Trustees in 2006, not long after moving to Old Lyme from Cornwall, CT with his wife, Susie. David served on the Board from 2006–2012 and again from 2013–2016. He brought to the Library a wealth of knowledge based on his illustrious career, first in university administration at Princeton and Middlebury College, followed by his role as founding director of The Vermont Community Foundation. David's great expertise, wit, and passion for public service brought joy to us all; he will be greatly missed.

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

Check out our online calendar at oldlyme.lioninc.org/events for the most up-to-date listings and to register for our programs.

Summer Reading Initiatives

For Kids & Teens: The 2018 Summer Reading theme is *Libraries Rock!* Kids and Teens are invited to log their reading time to earn prizes. Participants will receive a prize after reading 250, 500, and 1,000 minutes. Keep track of your reading online or stop by the Library for a paper log. Registration begins Friday, June 8.

For Adults: Adults are invited to join the fun this summer! Pick up a Book Bingo card starting Friday, June 8 and get reading. Bingo winners will receive a small prize and be entered in a grand prize drawing. More ambitious readers can go for a blackout to receive an additional prize.

Events for Kids

Kindness Rocks! Story Time with LYSB

Tuesday, July 10 at 10:30am (registration required)

Meet the Music! All Ages Story Times

Tuesdays, July 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14 at 10:30am

Baby Time Story Time (recommended for ages 0-2)

Thursdays, July 5, 26; August 2, 16; September 13, 20, 27 at 10:30am

Born to Read! Rock Concert with Turtle Dance Music

Friday, July 6 at 3pm

Sweet Beats Family Music Summer Concert

Wednesday, July 11 at 5:30pm

Island Adventures! Story Time with LYSB

Monday, July 23 at 10:30am (registration required)

Hawaiian Luau Dance Party

Wednesday, July 25 at 5:30pm (registration requested)

Bach to Rock!

Thursday, August 9 at 10:30am (registration requested)

Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party

Friday, August 17 from 1-4pm

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month at The Carousel

Friday, August 31 at 6pm

Special thanks to Goldman Sachs, Essex Savings Bank, The Community Foundation of Southeastern CT, and the Friends of the Library for sponsoring these events!

Events for Tweens/Teens

"Soft Rocks" Bubble Tea

Thursday, July 5 at 3pm (registration requested)

DIY Mini Rock-et Launcher

Thursday, July 12 at 3pm

Libraries Rock! Notable Novels

Tuesday, July 17 at 3pm

DIY Disco Ball

Thursday, July 19 at 3pm

Fruit and Veggie Orchestra

Thursday, July 26 at 3pm

DIY Moon Rocks

Thursday, August 2 at 3pm

Rock Star Body Art with Henna

Thursday, August 9 at 3pm (registration requested)

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Baked to School Baked Potato Bar

Thursday, August 23 at 3pm

Adult Events

The Magic of Communication with Greg Dwyer

Monday, June 18 at 6:30pm (registration requested)

Founders Day Celebration: An Evening with the Gillettes

Friday, June 22 at 7pm (registration requested)

Scrapbooking Your Vacation or Graduation with Tracie Larson, Owner of the Papercraft Clubhouse

Thursday, June 28 at 7pm (registration requested)

Connecticut River Ferries: Author Talk and Book Signing with Wick Griswold & Stephen Jones

Tuesday, July 10 at 6pm (registration requested)

Be Smart: Tips on Staying Safe

Wednesday, July 18 at 7pm (registration requested)

They Called Her Reckless—A True Story of War, Love and One Extraordinary Horse: Author Talk and Book Signing with Janet Barrett

Wednesday, August 8 at 6pm

Prognosis for Misdiagnosis: Author Talk and Book Signing with Eileen Radziunas

Thursday, August 16 at 6pm



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Matching Funds Available— Donate Today!



The Library needs to raise an additional \$30,000 by June 30th to meet our current fiscal year fundraising goal.

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Benchmark Wealth Management and an anonymous donor are offering \$10,000 in matching funds to help us meet our goal. Thanks to Rick Stout and Tom Britt of Benchmark Wealth Management, **any gifts made by June 30th will be increased by 100% up to this match.**

Donating is easy! Visit oldlyme.lioninc.org/giving to give online, or mail a check to OL-PGN at 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FRIENDS!

Friends of the Library Win 2018 FOCL Group Award

The Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL) is a non-profit organization consisting of local Friends groups, organizations, and individual members who believe that libraries are an essential resource for the citizens of our State. Each year, the FOCL accepts submissions honoring individuals, special projects, and Friends groups. This year, we're proud to announce that our OL-PGN Library Friends won the group award based on the amazing work happening in the BookCellar.



The Friends have been running the BookCellar for over 20 years. Currently, 58 volunteers keep the BookCellar running smoothly under the

direction of co-managers Claudia Condon and Joan Overfield. In recent years, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the energy of our leaders, the BookCellar has become much better known in the community and has significantly increased its revenue. Last year, the BookCellar proudly contributed \$23,000 to the Library to support programming and materials.

We invite you to visit the BookCellar to find incredible bargains on thousands of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and Audiobooks. The BookCellar has large collections of Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's, History, and Biography, as well as Rare and Collectible books. We also encouraged you to consider joining this award winning team by volunteering your time.

This Summer, the BookCellar is expanding its hours to include Mondays. The special summer hours are: Monday 10am–2pm, Wednesday 10am–6pm, and Saturday 10am–2pm.

Stay current with our program schedules and events at oldlyme.lioninc.org