

Hopkinton Public Library Building Campaign Fast Facts

2009 BASIC STATISTICS

Total Number of:

- Items circulated (all materials) 112,534
- People visiting the library 61,466
- Library card holders 7,630
- Reference questions asked 2,165
- Computer/Internet sessions 3,126
- Museum passes borrowed 1,019

REASONS TO EXPAND

- Due to an increase in population, the current building lacks adequate space to provide basic public library services
- The children's room is not accessible with strollers and wheelchairs
- Library collection is limited due to the lack of space
- There is insufficient space to hold library programs
- Lack of meeting rooms for library and the community
- No quiet study area
- Inadequate parking

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO EXPANDING THE LIBRARY?

- A community gathering place--for all residents—that fosters life-long learning
- Expanded space for technology resources, including computer workstations and Wi-Fi access
- Children's room with space to include larger play area and separate story time/program room
- Increased space for books, magazines, and multi-media items such as audio books, DVDs and music CDs
- Meeting rooms for library and community use.
- Young Adult room with computers, reading area & possibly gaming and music-listening area
- Historical room for local history & genealogy collection and research/reading area
- Fully handicapped accessibility
- Improved parking

STEPS COMPLETED

- A Long Range Plan was completed in 2008
- Library needs assessment and a building program were completed in 2009. Community focus groups and public meetings were held as part of the needs assessment, with comments from the public included in the building program recommendations.

HISTORY

- The Hopkinton Public Library was established in 1890 and the current building was built in 1895 with contributions from local and former residents of Hopkinton. Population was about 3,000 residents.
- The second floor was used as a lecture hall and was remodeled later as a Children's room.
- In 1955, the town government began appropriating public funds for employee salaries, utilities and assistance with the purchase of books.
- In 1967, the library expanded with the purchase of the Episcopal Church. A gallery was built to connect the library building to the Church.
- At nearly 5,000 square feet, our library is one of the smallest libraries in the state.
- Hopkinton currently has over 15,000 residents.