

Hopkinton Public Library Project Goals and Objectives

The Hopkinton Public Library strives to be a comfortable and welcoming place for all members of the community. The Library provides access to a variety of materials, services and programs to enhance educational, cultural, social, and intellectual endeavors and to extend personal growth and development.

- 1. To create a central community gathering place** with information resources, educational and entertaining programs, areas for art exhibits, meeting rooms for community groups, quiet study areas, homework stations for students, and space for community discussions. An expanded Library, fully handicap-accessible, will be a gathering place for all members of the community.
- 2. To meet the information needs of our community** - The Library is an Information Center with its primary goal to meet the information needs of our community. The Library provides general resources to acquire information, to respond to inquiries and to provide access to relevant materials in multiple formats. The Library offers training sessions on the use of electronic tools to locate, evaluate and utilize information effectively.
- 3. To foster life-long learning** - The Library will be the learning center of our community. The Library—by building a balanced collection and offering a diversity of programs--will provide the resources and technology that reflects patrons' interests in history, popular culture, social trends, and recreational pursuits.
- 4. To build an excellent collection** that meets the dynamic needs of our community and keeps pace with the newest media trends. The Library will provide a variety of resources that satisfies the natural curiosity of learning, stimulates imagination, and increases knowledge, thereby fostering personal growth and lifelong learning.

With 5,000 square feet, there is hardly any room for growth within our current building. We continue to borrow over 10,000 materials from other libraries because of our limited shelving space. An expanded library will allow us to increase the size of our book collection, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, and provide for a separate room for periodicals and newspapers.

- 5. To provide an exclusive area for the teens** that addresses the unique literacy needs of its young adult patrons through the implementation of programs and the expansion of a collection that engages, instructs and excites. Teens are underserved in our community, with few places to congregate. With an expanded Library, we will offer teen-focused programs and resources, offering young adults a welcome place to socialize and get together for special events.