



# Hanson Public Library



## Looking Ahead

### We Asked the Community

For the past fourteen months, the Hanson Public Library has been involved in a planning project. Community input about library services and the library building was gathered and used as the foundation for a new five year Strategic Plan and a Library Building Program.

### What We Learned

The current library building is architecturally appealing and well situated, but is too small to deliver the services desired by the community, is inflexible, and has aging systems and infrastructure.

#### What would the community like to see in their library building?

- A welcoming, attractive building, a place people want to spend time
- Flexible spaces & furnishings
- Expanded public programming areas, large and smaller meeting/study rooms
- Dedicated space for teens and children
- Contemporary and adaptable power and technology infrastructure systems
- Ease of navigating the facility, layout makes "sense" to patrons, fully ADA compliant
- Environmentally "friendly" and energy efficient systems
- Technology and telecommunications supporting library-owned and personally-owned devices
- Ability for secure use of public programming/meeting rooms after hours



### Options

Extensive renovation and expansion of the current facility (doubling from 8,195 sq ft to just under 16,000 sq ft)

Construction of a new library at a new location; potential sites include the Maquan School adjacent to the current library and the former Plymouth County Hospital property

### Next Steps

- Trustees, Town and State officials work on a possible timeline
- Engage the services of an architectural firm to assist with the development of conceptual drawings
- Determine a desirable site for the library in the future
- Develop a funding plan, including advocating for additional State funding

Visit [hansonlibrary.org/planning](http://hansonlibrary.org/planning) to read the full Strategic Plan, adopted by the Board of Library Trustees on September 29, 2018, and the Library Building Program, adopted on March 5, 2019.