

WHY NOW?

- A 2023 survey found that our community wants a welcoming, attractive building that provides access to a wide variety of print & electronic resources.
- The current 34-year-old library is too small and lacks infrastructure to meet program and service needs.
- The Town has an opportunity to obtain a state grant to fund up to 55% of the construction costs of a library renovation and construction project.
- The MBLC Construction grant program is only offered once every 8–10 years.



HOW TO HELP

1. Stay Informed

- Follow project updates via newsletters, the library website, and library social media.
- Attend public meetings to learn about design progress and provide feedback.

2. Share Your Voice

- Participate in surveys or community forums to help shape the future of the library.

3. Spread the Word

- Talk to neighbors about the importance of the project.
- Share posts on social media to boost community awareness and support.

4. Volunteer

- Help with outreach efforts by distributing flyers, helping with events, or joining a community task force.
- Offer skills such as photography, translation, or writing.

5. Become a Library Advocate

- Speak up at Town Meetings or public hearings to show support.
- Encourage friends and family to get involved and vote in favor of the project at the Annual Town Meeting May 2026.



Thank you for supporting
your Town's library!



H A N S O N
PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT
Building Our Future

THE MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

**Your Library, Your Future:
Understanding the Grant Process**

Learn about the steps Hanson
has taken to improve the
Hanson Public Library



INVESTING IN LIBRARIES, INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

Support for Students and Families

Expanded space and resources for homework help, early literacy, and family programs that directly support Hanson's children and schools.

Technology Access for All

Reliable Wi-Fi, public computers, and training opportunities that help residents of all ages build digital skills.

A True Community Gathering Place

Flexible meeting rooms and welcoming spaces for town groups, civic engagement, and community events.

Cultural and Local Enrichment

Programs, exhibits, and activities that celebrate Hanson's history and bring neighbors together through shared experiences.

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Workshops, lectures, and resources that support personal growth, from job seekers and entrepreneurs to seniors exploring new interests.

Strengthening Community Resilience

A safe, dependable hub that residents can count on for information, resources, and connection in times of need.

BUILDING THE FUTURE — A LOOK AT OUR JOURNEY

1. **March 2024 - Completed a Library Building Program:** A detailed document prepared by the library outlining current and future space and service needs.
2. **May 2024 - Completed a Feasibility Study:** This process reviewed the systems and physical state of the current building.
3. **May 2024 - Submitted a Grant Application to MBLC:** The Town of Hanson applied for state funding through a competitive, multi-step process.
4. **January 2025 - Hanson Awarded a MBLC Planning & Design Grant:** Grant to study building addition and renovation options.
5. **May-June 2025 - Hired an Owner's Project Manager and Architect:** Hanson Public Library Building Committee and Board of Library Trustees used grants and private funding to hire professionals to guide the building project.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- **Summer into Fall 2025 - Community Engagement:** Throughout the Design process there will be opportunities to make your voice heard
- **December 2025 - Design Development Completed:** Submit proposal to MBLC for approval
- **Spring 2026 - Request for Local Funding at Town Meeting and in Town Election:** The town votes to approve its share of the project cost
- **Spring 2027 - Construction & Oversight:** With approvals in place, construction begins with continual oversight by Town officials, the Library Building Committee, MBLC, and the Project Manager