



# GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

## LIBRARY RENEWAL PLAN

### Serving More, Doing More



**We're busier than ever!** A total of 217,922 people visited Guilderland Public Library last year. Patrons checked out 513,080 items...23,871 people attended 775 programs...and 25,440 hours were logged on our computers. Our parking lot is often full, as is the overflow lot. We open earlier at 9:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday to meet growing demand. Children's programs must be conducted in adult rooms, and sometimes adult programs must be moved offsite to school auditoriums. **We are simply out of space.**

**For many homeowners, it will cost less than \$1 per week to serve you better. Vote May 21st.**



### The Plan

Following 18 months of careful planning incorporating 2,108 survey results and collaboration with Butler Rowland Mays LLP, a local architecture firm specializing in libraries, this proposal addresses:

#### 1) Key Safety Concerns

- install a sprinkler system
- reconfigure the parking lot
- add 57 parking spaces
- move drive-up book drop
- ensure ADA compliance

#### 2) Additional Space (+6,400 SF)

- children's programming area
- dedicated teen room
- meeting, event and study rooms
- flexible multi-use area
- coffee shop / used bookstore outsourced as a revenue stream
- more family restrooms

**No additional staff will be needed.**

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### WHAT IS THE LIBRARY RENEWAL PROJECT?

Following a meticulous 18-month planning process, we have formulated this proposed plan to address both current and future community needs:

- extensive public input, including 2,108 survey respondents
- ongoing collaboration between library staff, trustees, our foundation, and volunteers
- consultation with Butler Rowland Mays LLP, a Ballston Spa architecture firm specializing in libraries

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### WHAT ARE THE GOALS?

Renovation of the existing library space, which is over a quarter-century old, to accommodate increasing demand, bolster safety, and expand **crowded children's and teen spaces**:

- reconfiguring the parking lot for enhanced safety and adding 57 spaces; moving drive-up book drop to a safer location
- incorporating a coffee shop / used bookstore and outsourcing its operation as a revenue stream
- adding meeting, event and study space, including flexible multi-use areas
- expanding children's programming space and creating a dedicated teen room
- implementing necessary safety upgrades: sprinkler system installation; ADA compliance

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### HOW MANY MORE EMPLOYEES WOULD THE LIBRARY NEED TO HIRE?

Zero. The size of our staff will not grow as a result of this project. It simply gives our patrons more room to enjoy the library.

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### IF APPROVED, WHEN WOULD CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

We anticipate groundbreaking in late spring of 2020.

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### WHEN DO WE VOTE ON THIS?

We encourage all residents to vote on this bond referendum, as well as our annual budget and trustee openings, **Tuesday, May 21st at your local elementary school. Polls are open 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

Please contact Library Director Tim Wiles with questions:  
518.456.2400 x 113 or [wilest@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:wilest@guilderlandlibrary.org)

<https://guilderlandlibrary.org/get-to-know-us/places/renewal/>

### Q: WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST?

The exact cost of this project totals \$8,353,698. The Library has earmarked \$1.4 million toward the project, and \$6,953,698 is proposed in a bond referendum for voter approval. We've also embarked on a targeted fundraising campaign, including seeking donors for naming rights.

Assemblywoman Pat Fahy has recommended a \$250,000 legislative grant to help fund our present and future building needs. Over the past five years, both she and Senator George Amedore have worked to secure over \$315,000 in state funding to make critical improvements, including a new roof, LED lighting, HVAC upgrades, loading dock, electronic sign, and critical safety and security improvements.

### Q: HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TAXPAYERS?

The bond to fund this project will be secured by Guilderland Central School District during next year's budget process. The length of the term will determine the actual cost. With a 20-year bond term at \$12.30 per \$100,000 assessed value, the annual household cost for a \$300,000 home would be \$36.90. For many homeowners, it will be less than \$1 per week.

**Less than \$1 / week for many.**



# Guilderland Public Library Stats

Consumer demand has exploded since our building's 1992 inception:

|                        | 1992     | 2018    | INCREASE |
|------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| Registered Borrowers   | 13,046   | 16,358  | +25.39%  |
| Materials Checked Out  | 132,815  | 513,080 | +286.31% |
| Patrons Served         | 76,544   | 217,922 | +184.70% |
| Reference Q & A        | 6,322    | 37,773  | +497.48% |
| Programs Offered       | very few | 775     | n/a      |
| Program Attendance     | very few | 23,871  | n/a      |
| Patron Computer Hours  | very few | 25,440  | n/a      |
| Guilderland Population | 30,219   | 36,171  | +19.70%  |

*The need for more space is evident. Yet this proposal is more modest than the 2012 plan: about 6,000 Square Feet less and \$4.6 million less.*

## Program attendance keeps growing! Our 1992 building needs to keep up.



Guilderland Public Library is over a quarter-century old, and operating well beyond its original design capacity. There is no room to expand the collection, meet existing programming needs, provide adequate space for children and teens, and accommodate demand for meeting, study or reading spaces. We want to answer these needs! **Please vote May 21.**

## Library of Things

**Books, e-books, DVDs, CDs, video games, magazines and more:**

WiFi hotspots \* folding tables  
Go Pro cameras \* Echo Dots  
fishing poles & licenses  
Apple TV \* CPR training kit  
metal detectors \* baking supplies  
3-D virtual reality headsets  
automotive code readers  
Fire TV Sticks \* Roku  
wheelchairs & walkers  
power banks \* storytime kits  
birthday in a backpack kits  
museum passes to 26 locations  
ukuleles \* telescopes...etc!



Quite often, our largest event room isn't large enough. If the event can't be moved to a school auditorium, attendees must sit in the hallway.

