



# GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Library Renewal Project

### **Q: WHAT IS THE LIBRARY RENEWAL PROJECT?**

A: Following a meticulous 15-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 Paul Mays of Butler, Rowland and Mays, a Ballston Spa architecture firm specializing in libraries

### **Q: WHAT ARE THE GOALS?**

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

- Reconfiguring the parking lot and adding 57 spaces for added safety; moving drive-up book drop to a safer location (25% of survey respondents)
- Incorporating a coffee shop / used bookstore and outsourcing its operation (22%)
- Additional meeting, event and study space, including flexible multi-use areas (15%)
- Expanding children's programming space and creating a dedicated teen room (10%)
- Implementing necessary safety upgrades: sprinkler system installation; ADA compliance

In total, the plan includes 6,400 square feet of additional space – substantially less than the 2012 proposal, which advocated for a two-story 12,000 square foot addition.

### **Q: WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST?**

A: The exact cost of this project totals \$8,353,698. The Library has earmarked \$1.4 million toward the project, and \$6,953,698 will be proposed in a bond referendum for voter approval. This is substantially less than \$12.9 million proposal presented in 2012. Guilderland Public Library has also embarked on a targeted fundraising campaign, including seeking donors for naming rights. Assemblywoman Pat Fahy has recommended a quarter-million dollar state grant for the project as well.

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

A: 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. For many Guilderland homeowners, this will be less than \$1.00 a week. To illustrate possible scenarios:

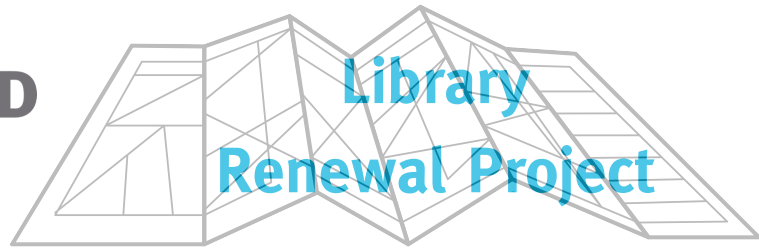
BOND TERM	PER \$100,000 ASSESSED VALUE	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD COST*
15 years.....	\$14.90.....	\$44.70
20 years.....	\$12.30.....	\$36.90
25 years.....	\$10.60.....	\$31.80

\*based on a \$300,000 home

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**Q: HOW MANY ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES WOULD THE LIBRARY NEED TO HIRE?**

A: 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.

**Q: IF APPROVED, WHEN WOULD CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?**

A: We anticipate groundbreaking in late spring of 2020.

**Q: WHEN DO WE VOTE ON THIS?**

A: 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.

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