

UXBRIDGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATION/EXPANSION PROJECT



JULY 2026 UPDATE

✓ COMPLETED

Planning and Design Phase
Land/Parking Acquisition

■ IN PROGRESS

Coordination with Historical Commissions
Additional Design Renderings
Community Outreach

→ NEXT

Financial Planning | Fundraising
Final Cost Estimates

WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

- **Secured \$150,000 in local funding** and authorization to apply for grant funds at 2024 Spring Annual Town Meeting.
- **Approved for MPLCP Construction Grant Program in 2025, securing \$100,000 in additional funding** for planning and design work required prior to construction. *Waitlisted* for construction funding, which could **40-50% of eligible construction costs**.
- **Formed a Library Building Committee in Spring 2025** and held 19 meetings during its first year to guide project planning, oversight, and decision-making.
- **Selected LeftField as OPM** in July 2025 and **Schwartz/Silver as Architect** in September 2025, following a competitive procurement process.
- **Submitted key project documentation required by the MBLC in December**, including preliminary design documents, site analysis, and building assessment reports.
- **The Board of Library Trustees acquired additional land and parking from Cove Realty, LLC** — a milestone decades in the making — strengthening the project site and **potentially securing approximately \$225,000 in additional state reimbursement** if the project advances.



Existing Library: 10,721 GSF

Proposed Library (Partial Demolition/Addition):
29,493 GSF

CURRENT PRIORITIES

- **Participating in the Massachusetts Historical Commission's (MHC) "consultative review" process.** Since the proposed design involves demolition of portions of the existing building, the Town was issued an "adverse effect" determination letter by MHC in March and must complete a review process to remain eligible for MPLCP grant funding. Following review and comment, MHC will facilitate the development of a multi-party agreement that may establish design conditions for the project.
- **Monitoring the progress of other MPLCP "medium-tier" construction projects on the waitlist.** Northbridge and Hudson are ahead of Uxbridge.
- **Obtaining additional design renderings** that highlight the building from the rear parking lot, which would effectively serve as the new main entrance to the building.
- **Prioritizing outreach** and sharing information about the proposed library construction project with our community.



NEXT STEPS

Uxbridge's project remains on the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) waitlist, currently third in line behind Northbridge and Hudson. The MBLC's original timeline projected construction funding becoming available by Spring 2028. However, if projects ahead of Uxbridge do not move forward, our project could advance sooner.

Once the MBLC votes to approve Uxbridge's provisional construction grant award, the Town will likely have six months to secure local project funding. This will require voter approval through a debt exclusion. During that period, the project team will need to move quickly to complete *detailed project cost estimates*, which are necessary to establish both the final project budget and the total amount of the state construction grant award.



A renovated and expanded library will **breathe new life into a cherished historic landmark while ensuring full accessibility, modern infrastructure, and flexible, welcoming spaces that meet the evolving needs of our community.**

By honoring our building's legacy and thoughtfully enhancing its footprint, the project will create a **vibrant community center that strengthens connection, learning, and activity in the heart of downtown Uxbridge.**