

Sustainable Design Elements

The expansion of the Leominster Public Library has involved consideration and application of sustainable design features.

Representative features addressed in the design include the following:

Land use:

Expansion on the library's historic site reinforces the historic downtown and encourages compatible redevelopment of its intown neighborhood. This also reduces the public investment in infrastructure that might be required for a more remote site.

Transportation:

The expansion of the library on its present site utilizes existing urban infrastructure, encouraging public access on foot and by public transportation.

Parking:

Shared parking with Pilgrim Congregational Church reduces the amount of land that has to be paved for these two uses.

Renovation:

The restoration of the historic building preserves the existing structure and reduces the amount of new construction.

New construction:

The new construction will provide for future expansion. It will also provide energy conservation, and more efficient lighting. Environmentally-friendly and recycled materials will be used whenever possible.

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New Pearl Street Entrance



Leominster Public Library LIBRARY EXPANSION & RENOVATION PROJECT

Preserving the Past,
Building for the Future,

Leominster's Crown Jewel

Expands

Leominster Public Library Expansion Campaign

The Leominster Public Library has served its community with distinction for 150 years. As the new century begins, an expansion project is necessary in order for the library to continue to provide quality service to its residents and create a comfortable, pleasant, and inviting environment for patrons to visit. The library must grow to keep up with the rapid growth of the community and its needs.

Due to increased patron demands, a greater variety of resources and services, and the advent of electronic technology, the current facility has become increasingly inadequate. There is insufficient space for the library's collection, limited public seating, inadequate areas for library programming and community meetings, limited handicapped accessibility, severe limitations in adapting the current building to new technologies, improper space to house the library's local historical and genealogical collections, health, safety, and security problems, inadequate parking, and inconvenient access to the building from the parking area.

It is the partnership between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Leominster, foundations, area businesses, and private individuals that will create a state-of-the-art library to be a cornerstone of our community and a legacy for future generations.

This Expansion Will Provide For:

Restoration of historic building

Expanded popular children's services area

Improved security and safety for public, staff, and library materials

Greater space for large and small community group meetings both during and after regular library hours

Increased access to new technologies, including wireless internet, and computer training

Expanded nationally recognized Robert Cormier Center for Young Adults

Centers for Career Information and Business Resources

Improved preservation of irreplaceable local historical and genealogical documents

Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

Greater space for quiet study, literacy tutoring, and library programming

Expanded shelving and displays for both print and non-print collections

Additional patron seating

Increased parking and access

Enhanced vitality of prominent building in Leominster's downtown area

Catalyst for urban renewal in Pearl Street area

Campaign Budget

Fundraising Goal - \$1,200,000

Every Leominster citizen is both a stakeholder and a steward of the Leominster Public Library. Your contribution will help to ensure that this project will preserve the past and build for the future, leaving a legacy for future generations.

Project Costs

Construction/Demolition/ SiteWork/FF&E*	\$ 10,622,388
Project Soft Costs	\$ 1,556,394
Total Costs	\$12,178,782

Project Support

Municipal Bond	\$ 7,800,000
State Construction Grant	\$ 3,021,441
Library Trust Funds	\$ 109,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 53,769
Total Revenue	\$10,984,210

Donor Recognition Plaque

Florence E. Wheeler	\$50,000 & up
Cornerstone Society	\$10,000 & up
Leadership	\$ 5,000 & up
Benefactor	\$ 2,500 & up
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*Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment