

JEFFERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY CASE STATEMENT

One hundred years ago, the library moved into the present facility, a 1400 square foot former schoolhouse because of the efforts of one citizen. Abner Davis, a shoemaker, father of eight, without government help, yet with enlisted help from summer residents and neighbors, created a library and access to knowledge. He had attended formal school only a few months in his lifetime; during those few months, he learned to read and spent many hours with encyclopedias and reference books. When you talked with Abner, you knew you were talking to a brilliant thinker. Today's library is an on ramp to the Internet Highway that connects the world's collection of knowledge to our small town. It is a place where citizens and visitors alike can come and contemplate new ideas. More than a dozen community members have been planning the Library renovation, relocation or new build for over ten years. After many hours listening to experts, students, and most importantly people like you, they propose a community learning and gathering space that provides modern technology to engages everyone:

- A vibrant public meeting place for community members to meet, learn and relax
- Improved port of access to current and future technology
- Several rooms to contemplate and read future collections
- An accessible space for seniors and toddlers alike to enjoy programming
- A welcoming environmentally sound structure reflective of the Jefferson community
- An anchor of the central business district of Jefferson at the intersection of Route 2 and the North Road

1.1 PHYSICAL FEATURES

The new Library, a 3,000 square foot structure, is modeled on the Waumbek era shingle style of the former hotel "cottages", blending Jefferson's past with today's construction efficiencies.

The Children's Area is designed to develop literacy skills and love of learning in the youngest residents and will feature:

- Distinct sections for infants, toddlers, and elementary school children with age appropriate materials and furnishings
- Program space with a carpeted story time area as well as tables for snacks and crafts
- Larger furniture for parents for reading together
- Lower shelves to allow children better access to choose books independently
- Outdoor area to include the porch and grassy space for activities and programs

Young adults in our community have no safe, accessible place to meet. A library serves that function if teens find it fun, entertaining, and comfortable.

- A larger building will allow teens to use the library comfortably without worrying about interrupting other patrons with their conversations and activities.
- Space and materials will allow for work on school projects or to explore their creative side.

The Jefferson Library serves as a community meeting space and encourages family and community gatherings.

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- The program room located adjacent to the children's area will accommodate the significant community demand for meeting space both for library and community programs
- The space is segregated from the main library so that it may stay open after the library closes
- Complete presentation technology expands programming capabilities
- Direct outside access allows patrons to move safely and to provide programs both inside and outside of the library.

The new Jefferson Library also contains:

- A technology rich environment throughout the building. Sufficient, comfortable places to sit, ample power outlets and wireless capability will allow patrons to use their own devices or the many library resources
- A small kitchen space will add a welcoming ambiance to the meeting room and enhance the library as a community gathering space.
- A dedicated display area for the works of our many local artists, writers, and entrepreneurs.

The new library offers a unique chance to strengthen the ties that bind our community together while providing a learning center and meeting place for future generations. A well-constructed, energy efficient building will provide not only a much more comfortable space for staff and patrons but will result in more value for our heating and cooling dollars.

Free (from two sources) WiFi and its location on Route 2, provides the opportunity for the library to serve as a welcome center for the thousands of tourists who pass through Jefferson each year. Many visitors will be interested in what makes Jefferson's history, geography and culture so unique and will appreciate the opportunity to learn more about our town and enjoy the views of the nearby open meadows and distant mountain ranges.

1.2 BUDGET

The selected bid for the construction in 2017 is \$991,000 from Dan Hebert. The project plan includes a \$200,000 legacy fund to provide funding for repair and maintenance of the building over its life time so that the Town budget does not need to be burdened when major repairs need to be made. The source and use of the funds are:

Sources:

- \$250,000 Town Appropriation
- \$410,000 Individual Gifts (\$62,000 raised)
- \$200,000 In-Kind Gifts (Paving, wood, fixtures and finishes)
- \$ 50,000 Special events (\$10,000 raised, including \$1,300 from the school children)
- \$100,000 Grants
- \$200,000 Legacy gifts (\$120,000 raised)

Uses:

- \$940,000 Construction (including Foundation, Site Improvements, Air-conditioning)
- \$ 70,000 Library Furnishings
- \$200,000 Endowment for future building maintenance

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1.3 HELP TURN THE PAGE

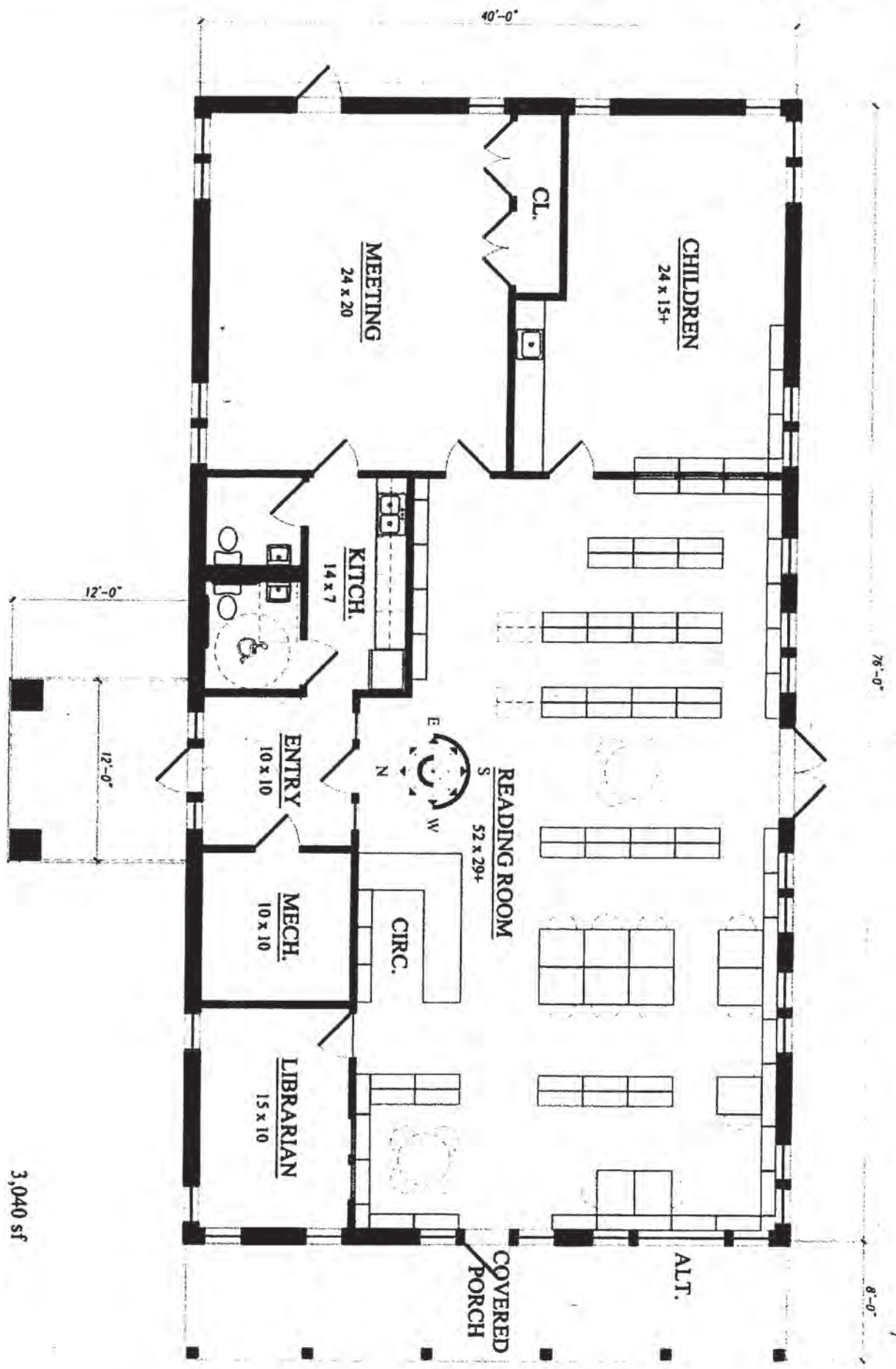
The Jefferson community needs your help to “turn the page” and begin a new story. A story about Carolyn Ingerson and Winnie Ward scheduling group meetings in the library knowing that it is accessible, comfortable, accommodating, and well lit. A story when Kate McMann and her child meet other parents monthly to read books and share information about parenting; story where the Savage girls explore science with friends after school; a story of young entrepreneurs finding potential contracts via the web.

You, like Abner Davis, have a part in this story. People with project or finance experience can help manage the project. Business owners might contribute in-kind services like

- Grading, delivering gravel and paving the parking lot.
- Landscaping the 4 acre lot
- Harvesting logs to provide the hard wood required for finishes
- Milling lumber for framing
- Building furniture: bookshelves, tables, chairs and desks
- Granite foundation stones
- Storage unit/shed

Family foundations could redirect support to the project. People with appreciated IRA's or stock could contribute to the project and reduce tax obligations. Citizens that serve on non-profit boards could sponsor grant applications. All of us have more time than Abner Davis did in the mid-1800; we can pull together and create a dynamic library.

All of us benefit from an educated citizenship. Our property values improve with state of the art town services such as a public library. Technologically advanced, secure public buildings enhance emergency services.



PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

3,040 SF

What would you like to specifically see happening in the new library?

- Programs
- Painting classes
- Stained glass or craft classes
- Artisan of the month display featuring Jefferson craftsmen and artists
- Musical performances
- Outside reading space
- Informational business displays (resources for and news about local businesses)
- Book clubs for children and adults
- Children's activities
- Jefferson history section or area, recognition of local culture

How do you think a new library could benefit more people in town?

- Community Information Center
- Meeting space for homeschoolers
- Workshops/classes for business people
- Accessible parking, entrances, bathrooms
- Provide computer and white board

When you think of a new library, what comes to mind?

- Welcoming
- Accessible
- Community Gathering Place
- Garden Club (memory garden)
- Printers (wireless)
- Children's activities
- Spacious, fun, bright
- Destination Point
- Better Acoustics
- BATHROOM & WATER
- Destination point
- Community Involvement

What are some ways we could accommodate all ages?

- Bike racks
- Comfortable chairs
- Computer classes
- Picnic area
- Bathrooms & water
- Senior meeting space
- Blood pressure and/or other health clinics
- Small business resources
- After school activities

Are there events that could take place on the grounds?

- Farmer's market