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**Haverhill Public Library** *since 1873*
A Capital Campaign for the
Twenty-First Century



## *in*CLUSION

✦ A welcoming community hub for all ages

## *in*NOVATION

✦ An evolving library for the twenty-first century

## *in*TERACTION

✦ Community engagement and resources

## *in*VESTMENT

✦ Support with a view to the next 150 years

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The library's well-used collection, space, and services are straining to meet the demands of an active and diverse city of 68,000 people — a population increase of more than 20% since its renovation 30 years ago. This next renewal will equip it to enrich and serve the public in a welcoming and uplifting place for all seeking community connections and accessible resources.





A more spacious and open Children's Room and new reading area




A lighter atrium and first floor with a more visible reference desk

Over the past three decades the library has served the Haverhill community well. The time has come, however, for it to undertake another capital improvement project to protect and sustain its resources for the public good.

A transformative gift of $14 million from the estate of Olive Reynolds Macdougall established a solid foundation for our **$17 million renovation**. As with construction in the 1870s, 1960s, and 1990s, however, **Haverhill community support is crucial!**

With a **capital campaign goal of $3 million**, we will rely on individual donors, foundations, businesses, and local organizations for private contributions as we renew the legacy of community giving that library founder EJM Hale and the people of Haverhill established in 1873. No city tax dollars are expected to be used for this project.

The Trustees of the Haverhill Public Library, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, owns and oversees the library building and all of its contents. The City of Haverhill, in a private-public partnership, provides the funds each year for the library staff and utilities. It owns and maintains the municipal parking lot next to the library.

Haverhill Public Library's core values embrace inclusion, accessibility, public service, and resource development. In order to fully realize its values and strategic goals, we are investing in a reimagined, refreshed, and resilient structure to support the library's collection, programs, and services.

The library's vision, now and for the future, is outlined at **www.haverhillpl.org/strategic-plan**

# History of the Haverhill Public Library

The library's vision for this renovation, privately funded by donors who value its ongoing mission and purpose as a free, public resource and community hub for Haverhill, is rooted in its history from the beginning.

## 1873
Library established




**November 1875**
Original library building opened

Haverhill Public Library was established in 1873 when local industrialist EJM Hale offered to donate the land and half of the money to build and furnish a library if the people of Haverhill would contribute the other half.

## 1965
New building planned




**June 1969**
New building opened

In 1965 the Trustees decided "to replace a library building that has been in use for 91 years and that is inadequate in almost every respect to the demands placed upon it today and even more so to the demands which the coming years will place upon it." The community stepped up in a capital campaign and again raised half of the costs.




**October 1997**
Renovation complete

More than 25 years later, demands on the library prompted an addition to increase from 30,500 to 44,000 square feet, with more space for meeting, study, teens, and children. Once again, the Haverhill community stepped up with generous support for the capital project.

## 1995
Renovation planned

## 2025
Renovation planned

## 2027
Expected renovation completed

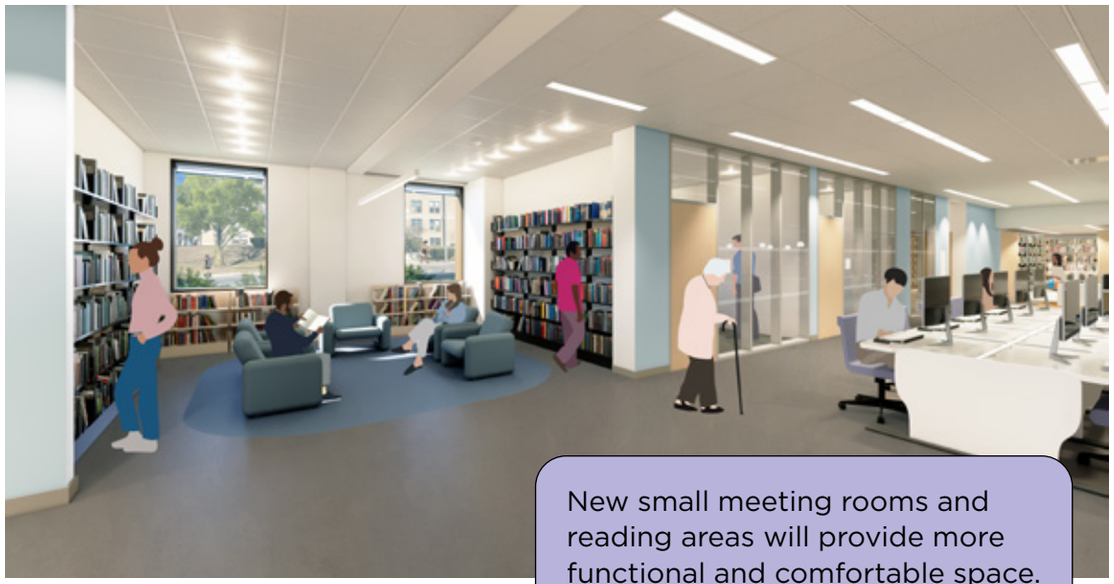


A new roof, exterior, and landscaping will increase the building's efficiency, safety, accessibility, and appeal.




# Library for the Twenty-First Century

- A new roof, exterior siding, and fresh landscaping
- New windows and updated flooring to add daylight and brighten the interior
- Updated mechanical systems and sustainable building materials for comfort and resilience
- More small meeting rooms and reading areas to improve the use of space
- Upgraded technology center and stronger WiFi to increase digital access for all
- Relocated book stacks for better access and visibility



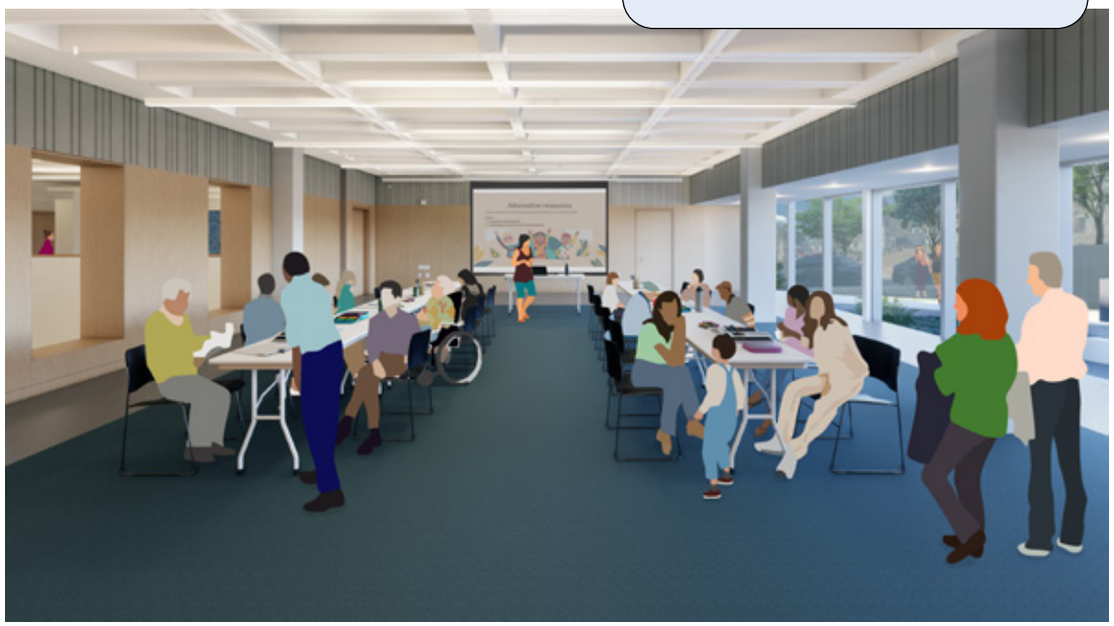
New small meeting rooms and reading areas will provide more functional and comfortable space.

# Serving the Community



The relocated teen room consolidates youth services on the 2nd floor for children, tweens, and teens

The reconfigured auditorium becomes a brighter, more flexible community room for large groups and events



## ← *More Information*

Learn more about how you can help transform the Haverhill Public Library into the best next version of itself as it pursues its mission of public service to the greater Haverhill community.

Be part of the 21st century vision that makes a difference, now and for the future. Join us to make this renovation and capital campaign a success!

# *Are you in?*

**Haverhill Public Library** opened its doors in November 1875 to enrich and serve the lifelong learning needs of the Haverhill community. For over 150 years it has remained a city focal point, providing exceptional service, materials, and programs to meet those informational, recreational, and cultural needs.

First built in the 19th century, then replaced and expanded in the 20th, the library is at a pivotal moment in its 150 year history. It's time to adapt and evolve as a 21st century community hub that nimbly responds to the needs of current and future generations.

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