

A Library for Scarsdale Today... and Tomorrow!

We all enjoy the Scarsdale Public Library, but the classic Olmsted Road building is decades behind where the best public libraries are today in terms of design, access, function and technology. The Library's most recent strategic plan told us, loud and clear, that our needs have outgrown our building's capacity. A look at libraries in neighboring communities tells us just the same. That's why a major transformation is in the final planning stages with construction set to begin in early 2018.

The plans developed by Dattner Architects will maximize our existing facilities and expand the Library's footprint with beautiful new glass-enclosed spaces that preserve the character that Scarsdalian love in their library, while opening vistas out to the landscape that surrounds it. The new Scarsdale Public Library will be energy efficient, fully accessible, and filled with technology and features that will make it relevant and welcoming to everyone in our community, regardless of age or ability.

The project is a true public/private partnership with a commitment of \$9.9 million in Village funding, \$500,000 in New York State funding, and \$7.5 million in private support from Scarsdale residents. As of June 1, well more than \$4.6 million is committed in gifts and pledges, including two separate \$1 million challenge grants that will match \$2 million in new contributions from other families.

If you would like to contribute, host an event, volunteer to fundraise, or discuss the many naming opportunities that are available to donors, please call 914-358-6089 or email SPLcampaign@wlsmail.org today!

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Generous Matching Opportunity

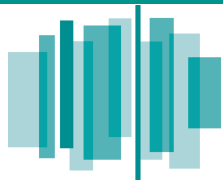
You are invited to join in making the transformation of SPL a reality with a gift or pledge that will be doubled through the generous challenge match. You are encouraged to learn more by meeting with the Library Director or a member of the Campaign Committee.

CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

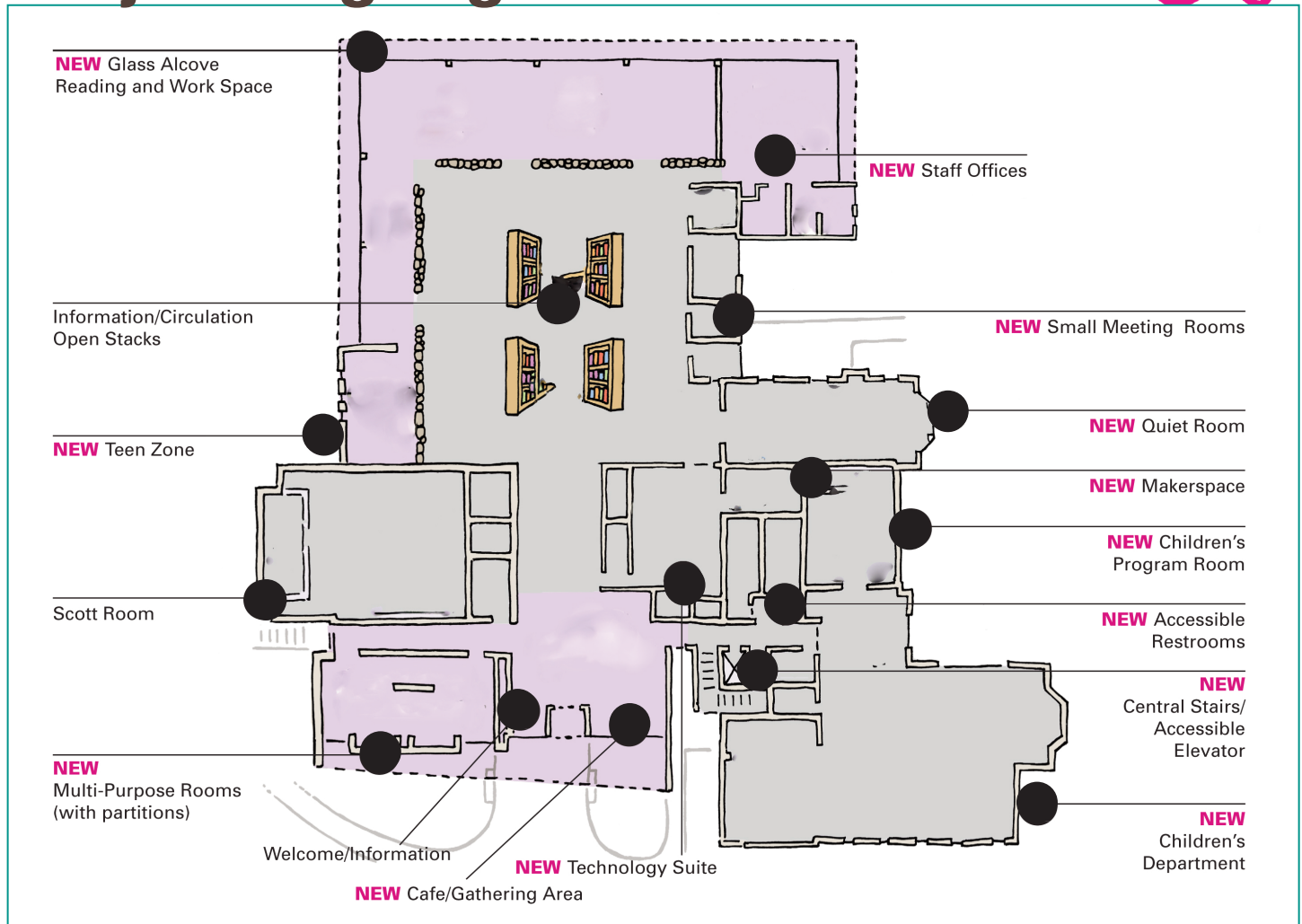
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CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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Project Highlights



IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT CONTEMPORARY USE

- Larger Children's Wing with dedicated program room
- True quiet room with comfortable reading + work spaces
- Teen Zone for YA book collection + collaborative study space
- Enhanced focus on programming geared toward seniors
- Technology suite for business use and training classes
- MakerSpace for kids *and adults!*
- Multi-purpose rooms for programs & community use
- New technology infrastructure

IMPROVEMENTS TO PATRON EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

- Open stacks for full collection accessible to all
- Coffee/snack bar as a convenience for longer visits
- Fully ADA-compliant facilities
- Staff space reorganized to enhance patron service
- Improved natural light
- Capacity for simultaneous programming for varied audiences
- Accommodations and technology for special needs

Scarsdale Library?

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Community Updates



Village Trustees pass \$9.9M bond resolution in December 2016

- Multi-year discussions led to clearly defined priorities based on Library Strategic Plan, current best practices and usage data
- Village and Library Trustees perform detailed due-diligence
- Community input leads to careful review of costs and the 'right sizing' of project
- Village Trustees vote 6-1 in favor of maximizing dig-once opportunity
- Public-private partnership created to finance improvements

Scarsdale Public Library Board commits to raise \$7.5M

- Capital Campaign Committee working to meet fundraising goal
- Two donors announce separate \$1 million challenge grants

\$500K State grant secured by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin

- DASNY funding to offset cost of temporary space at Supply Field Building
- Supply Field Building space will be available for other future Village uses

Library Building Committee Moves Forward

- Contracts for next phase of design work approved and funded by private donations
- Design development phase underway with Dattner Architects
- Construction Managers Savin Engineers selected for the pre-construction value engineering
- Community Design Committee offering feedback on select design elements

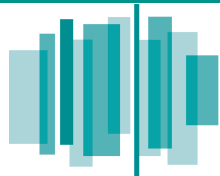
Temporary Relocation of Library to Supply Field

- The Village, architects and engineers are working to prepare for renovation
- Construction expected to begin in fall: insulate, add bathrooms, HVAC and finish walls



Something for everyone.

Focus on Sustainability, Accessibility, Technology



Allison Arest, with her avid readers, Madeline and Julian

I think it speaks volumes about this community that so many who grew up here, including me, can't imagine raising our children anywhere else. From elementary through high school, I was always an avid Scarsdale Public Library user. In my years away from town, I became aware of the incredible evolution of libraries and realized that the place I thought was synonymous with books, was in fact so much more.

While living in Manhattan, the library I took my daughter to near our apartment was a wonderful asset for our family. This is why I was so excited to take her to the SPL when we bought our house here almost six years ago. I could not believe my eyes! Scarsdale had forgotten our library and allowed time to stand still. When I learned that the Village was considering a project, I had to get involved. This opportunity to improve the library through a public-private partnership is an excellent investment in the community I love, and allows us to leave a resource we can be proud of not only today but also tomorrow.

- Allie

In recent years I have become a frequent library user and have seen how popular and important it is to everyone -- to our young children and their parents, to our studious teens, to our active seniors and to new village residents looking to make friends. I have also seen that the library's physical space is in urgent need of repair and is not accessible to everyone, which we are ready to change.

Leslye and I feel lucky to call Scarsdale our home and we take great pride in our community. We believe it is the right time to support a capital project to take our library a huge leap forward as a Scarsdale resource that meets the needs of the whole community today and into the future.

- Gary



Leslye and Gary Katz



Lynne Clark

I am excited to imagine a new state-of-the-art library for Scarsdale. It is a privilege to serve on the Campaign Committee to make this dream a reality.

I have lived in and around Scarsdale since I was a little girl. I remember going to Wayside Cottage that served as our library, picking out books from the stack room. I remember looking forward to the building of the present library, dedicated in 1951 while I was in High School. That generation of Scarsdale residents made the present library possible for us and for our children. And now it is a joy to be part of the generation that can create Scarsdale's new library for new generations.

How is this a new library? It will be a distinguishing educational asset for Scarsdale, adapted to new and changing technology and media for all ages. It will be able to meet tomorrow's needs, increasing our edge as a premiere location with exceptional services, keeping us proud!

- Lynne