AGENDA

- Design Update
- Recap of Community Sessions & Survey
- The “Whys”
- Community Addition Meeting Space size
- Cost
- Next Steps
DESIGN UPDATE
Project Purpose.

To position the Bethlehem Public Library as a community resource that is accessible to all, offering modern programming in a mindful environment that’s nestled within the fabric of the community.

Designed in a way that’s welcoming, simple to navigate, modern, and adaptable to a variety of programs, both inside the library and throughout the site.

Optimizing the library so that both patrons and staff have cohesive environments to suit their evolving needs, and to support the next generation of collaboration, discovery, and learning.
Can these introductory slides be reduced? Maybe just to Project purpose and key elements

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RECAP OF COMMUNITY SESSIONS & SURVEY
Create a safer exterior environment that is more accommodating to patrons and library activities, has clear vehicle and pedestrian traffic patterns, and a more prominent entry.

To be considered the port in a storm, a RESOURCE for our community members, and a valued community support partner.

Create an easily accessible addition that caters to the library and community program needs and accommodates multifunctional, flexible spaces and increases patron capacity up to 400 for 250.

Providing adequate space to ensure that multiple demographic needs of patrons are accommodated in functional spaces customized to their intended use and program needs, while cohesively integrating efficient employee operational spaces.
1. What concerns do you have for traffic patterns, parking, and general navigation of the site?

2. Do you feel the proposed landscape design has enhanced the user experience and connection to the outdoors? How or how not?

3. What connection does the library have to its natural surroundings and why does it value green space?

4. What three words should describe the feeling of arriving at the library?
1. What new opportunities do you see for programming that the existing space can't support?

2. How can the library better serve as a community resource?

3. Which option best supports the needs of the library and local community? Please explain.

4. Do you see value in prioritizing higher cost items over other potential library features? Please explain.

Note:
- Staff function + seating
- 6 rooms + kitchen
- Can D be divided into 3 areas like E2?
- Conceptual planning
- Space and budget
- Staff time
- Concept
- Can it be improved?
- Market?
- 3-D model
- New community center
- Consultant
- Is it possible for new community room to have some kind of kitchen space for kids' after school cooking programs?
CHILDREN & YOUTH

THOUGHT STARTERS

What new opportunities do you see for the children & youth offerings that the existing space can't support? How could the library use the crafting and multi-use rooms to expand its programming?

In 10 - 20 years how do you envision children and teens utilizing the library?

What concerns do you have for the proposed plan and utilization of space?

How can the library provide better resources to families with children of all ages?

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Warp how to set youth space open a bit more, allow more movement. Need to use more of the space.

The photo margin on all the walls reading nooks are awesome. Interesting reading nook in each play area. Would work.

Including teen space in the overall ideas.

Would be helpful to have children's computer area involved - seed plant, build, first coding, reading, math, make space in the area.
**TRADITIONAL MATERIALS**

1. What new opportunities do you see for the adult offerings that the existing space can’t support?

2. In 10-20 years how do you envision young adults, adults, and seniors making use of the library?

3. What concerns do you have for the proposed plan and utilization of space?

4. What does modernizing the library mean to you?

**THOUGHT STARTERS**

- Staff space and safety should be the highest priority.
- Like the current community space under use?
- The administration budget meeting always seems limited.
- The administrator seems to always respond quickly to community needs.
- Glad to see this material's expansion!
Who is the Bethlehem Public Library Community?

Adults
Albany Residents
Artists
Bethlehem Residents
Board Members
Business Owners
Children
College Students
Community Groups
Delmar Residents
Disabled Individuals
Educators
Families
Grandparents
Glenmont Residents
High Schoolers
Immigrants
Local Schools
Parents
Professionals
Refugees
Retirees
Teens
Tutors
Seniors
Slingerlands Residents
Staff
Volunteers
Imagine Bethlehem Public Library as a close friend. Think about their struggles and joys of the past, what their hopes and dreams for the future are, what do they want to become?
What does a modern Bethlehem Public Library mean to you?

“Let’s honor the success of the current library”
THE WHYS
1. **Address outdated and aging components of the Library facility.**
   a) The last significant update was around 50 years ago.
   b) There is some presence of asbestos which puts limitations on some maintenance needs.
   c) The mezzanine level is not suitable for public, or staff needs.
2. **Add in-demand space for Library users.**
   a) Patrons are routinely turned away from the limited meeting and study rooms.
   b) Meeting space / popular Library programs are limited to 100 people.
   c) Improve performance space functionality.
3. **Add in-demand collections space and improve Library function.**
   a) Bethlehem Public Library’s circulation is the higher in the Upper Hudson Library System.
   b) Children’s area is often crowded and limited in terms of offerings. Teen area is lacking dedicated space.
   c) Properly address curbside pickup function.
   d) Improve and expand staff space for better workflow, safety, efficiency, and adequacy.
4. **Enhance accessibility of the Library facility & resources.**
   a) Improve accessibility to and within the facility to the spaces as well as to resources
   b) Improve parking area safety and add parking spaces
   c) Reduce distance between parking and entry
   d) Improve sense of arrival and wayfinding
5. **Enhance the Library’s environmental sustainability footprint.**
   a) Increase energy efficiency leading to operational savings
   b) Update the green space around the Library and preserve the park-like feel
   c) Modernize site utilities to improve Library as a “good neighbor”
COMMUNITY ADDITION
Existing Community Spaces

One “large” Community room: 1624sf
One “small” Community room: 562sf
Total: 2186 sf

rows of chairs: 37 occupants
tables & chairs: 22 occupants

rows of chairs: 108 occupants
tables & chairs: 62 occupants
Community Addition: Opt 1 – “Smaller”

Total meeting room space: 3600 sf

Small: 900 sf
A. Rows of chairs: 60 occupants
B. Tables & chairs: 34 occupants

Medium: 1800 sf
A. Rows of chairs: 120 occupants
B. Tables & chairs: 68 occupants

Large: 3600 sf
A. Retractable seating for 220 + 120
   in rows of chairs: 340 occupants
B. Rows of chairs (no retractable seating): 240 occupants
C. Tables & chairs: 136 occupants
Community Addition: Opt 2 – “Larger”

Total meeting room space: 5400 sf

Small: 900 sf
A. Rows of chairs: 60 occupants
B. Tables & chairs: 34 occupants

Medium: 1800 sf
A. Rows of chairs: 120 occupants
B. Tables & chairs: 68 occupants

Large: 3600 sf
A. Retractable seating for 220 + 120 in rows of chairs: 340 occupants
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COST
## Cost Overview

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**Other items to consider**
- Rock excavation, provisions for unstable soils, soil remediation
- Site testing
- Moving costs
- Design fees
Next Steps

- Cost estimate to determine project cost and Bond need.
- Community outreach.
- Schematic Design phase completion end of October.