

LINDENHURST MEMORIAL LIBRARY FAQS BUILDING PROJECT

Why are we proposing a Library renovation at this time?

The Lindenhurst Memorial Library Board of Trustees has been evaluating the need for the Library's renovation because our current facility is severely inadequate in terms of space, technology, systems, handicapped accessibility and much more. Lindenhurst is the largest village in the Town of Babylon with 42,000 residents and 27,000 active Library card holders – yet we have the smallest Library in the Town. Built in 1969, the Lindenhurst Memorial Library needs to be brought into the 21st century to support our ability to provide the safety features, excellent services, state-of-the-art technology and beyond that our community residents deserve.

What are the key features of the Library's proposed renovation?

The proposed renovation would completely renovate the current 22,000 square foot building at 1 Lee Avenue while also adding approximately 10,000 square feet of new space. The current building renovation will include: a fire sprinkler system; ADA accessible bathrooms, elevator and increased parking; larger and more flexible meeting rooms; Innovation Station bringing 21st century technology to Library patrons; the creation of multiple quiet study rooms; relocation of the entrance/exit for increased resident and patron privacy and security; comfortable reading areas for adult patrons; an enclosed Teen Room located away from the Adult Reading and Information area for sound control; a café; and much more.

What is the cost of the Library renovation?

The proposed Library renovation project is estimated to cost approximately \$14.5 million. This breaks down to: \$8.20 per month or \$0.28 cents per day or \$98.41 per year for a home with an assessed valuation of \$3,500.

Once the bond referendum vote is passed, the Library will seek the most cost-effective options with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York as well as other local options for financing. We also will seek state and federal grants and other funding options to enhance the project.

When will the proposed Library bond referendum vote be held?

The Library Board of Trustees has asked the Lindenhurst School District to schedule a vote for a Library bond referendum on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. We will send a mailing to all district residents with both vote and project information when the date is approved by the school board.

Has the Lindenhurst community been invited to participate in the planning process?

We have been offering Library patrons the opportunity to attend building information meetings and to offer input on the proposed project over the past year. In addition to holding six community planning meetings and seven public building project meetings, the Library has featured special building update information on the website; in

quarterly newsletters; and via phone, email and a suggestion box outreach initiatives. We greatly appreciate all your suggestions and comments regarding the proposed renovation plan, and we will continue to seek input from you throughout the process.

Will the Library be closed for any period of time during the construction?

The Library is planning on phasing construction so that the entire building will not be closed to the public at any one time, unless necessary for the safety and health of both staff and patrons. If needed, the Library will provide programs and services in other locales throughout the town during construction to ensure patrons have access to library services.

How long will construction take?

If funding is approved, it is projected that construction will take approximately eighteen months to complete once plans are approved by the NYSED.

How do I get more information regarding this proposed project?

Please visit the website at www.lmlonline.org and click on the Library Building Project tab where you can view a PowerPoint Presentation and other information on community meetings, view preliminary drawings, etc. We are still actively engaged in the public meeting process and hope you will join us at upcoming meetings. Alternately, please feel free to contact Assistant Library Director Lisa Kropp at lkropp@lindenhurstlibrary.org to set up an individual meeting to share your thoughts.