

## **SHORT CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

- 6-28-74 Vote to establish library passes 416 – 360; budget fails 349 – 363; first trustees elected (Bauer – 401, Supino – 312, Reilly – 297; Hall – 283, and LaTassa – 273)
- 8-1-74 First budget of \$143,000 passes 289 - 274
- 6-14-75 Library opens its doors to public for the first time in two portable classrooms on William Floyd School District property (building now occupied by CY&FS)
- 6-1-77 Moved from portables to storefront in William Floyd Plaza
- 12-12-79 \$1,700,000 bond issue approved by voters to fund construction of new library
- 3-80 Trustees convey title of portables to WFSD
- 11-3-80 Groundbreaking for new library
- 3-21-82 Dedication and Grand Opening of 20,000 sq ft building
- 10-83 LVA Satellite Office established
- 11-23-87 Bentel & Bentel Architects retained to do feasibility study regarding library expansion
- 3-91 Digital telephone system installed
- Summer 1991 Former storefront Library is reclaimed as “annex”
- 10-19-92 Voters approve \$3,948,250 bond issue to fund construction of a 24,000 sq ft addition by a vote of 738 – 248
- 4-29-93 Library receives gift of land from William Floyd plaza Associates, enabling expansion to proceed
- 1-22-94 Groundbreaking for 24,000 sq ft expansion
- 12-3-95 Grand Opening/Dedication of 24,000 sq ft addition
- 6-06 34 Million Bond Vote for library repair and expansion fails 2,405 No to 370 yes
- 12-06 Director William Cicola Retires
- 01-07 Library Board appoints Kerri Rosalia as Library Director

- 4-07 Budget proposition for 578k Roof repair and partial replacement vote passes. 1982 section of roof is replaced. 1994 addition roof is repaired. It is estimated to have an additional 7 year life before replacement is needed.
- Project included a redundant roof drain system as required by the International Building Code. An energy efficient 60 mil white fully adhered thermoplastic PVC membrane roof system is selected. Wiedersum Associates is the architect on the project, Statewide Roofing is the low bidder and awarded the job.
- Work is completed following year. Library applies for and receives a NYS Construction Grant to offset cost of the project in the amount of \$72,477.00 to help defray costs to community.
- 9-07 Library Director approached by owner of South Shore Auto Works to see if the Board might be interested in purchasing the building and land. Library Board authorizes Director to appraise the building/land located on The Green. Results of appraisal provided to the Board. Cost of acquisition and improvement to the facility for library usage/parking are deemed cost prohibitive.
- 1-08 Library Board authorizes Director to have Library appraised. Future discussions about expansion/repairs to facility should include the option to sell the facility and build elsewhere in the community. Facility is owned by WFSD, however title can revert to Library Board upon satisfaction of Bond and transfer of Deed.
- Library building appraises at 3.7 Million
- 4-08 Library Operating Budget vote fails 302 yes 382 no
- 6-08 Library Operating Budget re-vote passes 632 yes 429 no
- 12-08 Library pays off 3.9 million bond from 1992 Capital Project: 24,000 sq. ft. addition
- 2009 Board begins working with Architect/Space Planner Jim Keller of Vitetta Associates on a reconfiguration interior space and facility repairs instead of a Library Expansion. Inventory of physical assets completed at this time. (furniture, shelving, equipment). Library Board operating under the assumption that the Library physical structure cannot sustain an expansion of an additional floor.
- Library staff meetings with Jim Keller re-think interior layout of collections
- Library Department Heads and Director work with Vitetta staff on a preliminary program of library space requirements.  
(See Library Web site)
- Jim Keller of Vitetta presents three conceptual plans.

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1. Interior refurbishment/ repair estimate is \$5,766,618
2. Interior refurbishment/repair and repurposing basement to public space estimate is \$8,428,134.
3. Interior refurbishment/repair as well as a 12,000 sq. ft. children's library above the existing facility. This plan requires structural piers that will extend into the parking lot in front of the facility. Plan requires acquisition and modification of library parking lot, or permission from parking lot owner, William Floyd Plaza Associates.

Conceptual plan of children's room expansion along with interior refurbishment estimated at \$15,837,944. Library Board decides to wait to introduce concepts and cost to staff and community until economic conditions start to improve.

- 3-2010 Library Board meets Vitetta partner firm, Bermello, Ajamil & Partners. Board authorizes both firms to work together to develop a conceptual site plan process for re-configuration of Library parking lot.
- 06-10 Victor Conseco and Bob Viola of Sandpebble Builders, Inc. meet with Library Board to propose a facility condition analysis to help identify and prioritize repair work needed and offer a second opinion on Vitetta budget estimates and feasibility of conceptual options they presented.
- After much discussion, Library Board decides to limit current efforts to essential Library repair work as the economy conditions continue to deteriorate. Foreclosures in our area hitting an all time high, unemployment numbers are up, and aid to the school district is diminishing from NYS. They hope to return to acquisition of the parking lot and a possible expansion in the future, but repairs are deemed essential at this point.
- 10-10 Library Board receives a draft site plan of a 3.5 acre parcel of vacant land on the corner of William Floyd Parkway and Neighborhood Road from a local real estate developer who is familiar with the plight of the library. Site could accommodate a 40,000 sq. ft. building which would require over 210 parking spaces to meet code. Library board decides against pursuing the site as our existing facility is already 45,000 sq. ft. and the cost to build a new 40,000 sq. ft. building is estimated to be 11 Million before site acquisition.
- 01-11 Library Board authorizes contract with Sandpebble Builders, Inc. for Phase 2b Repair Project. Detailed budget estimate for repair work will be developed.

Library Board authorizes Sandpebble Builders, Inc. to draft RFPs (Requests for Proposals) for professional services in the area of Architect, Mechanical Engineer, Structural Engineer, technology consultant, and environmental consultant.

Library only issues RFPs for Architectural and MEP services at this time.

Library Board requests debt service schedule from Munistat to ascertain cost of repair bond to residents in preparation for a public vote and information campaign.

Discussion of an October 2011 public vote on Library Repair Project.

HVAC system for Children's level fails. Board authorizes emergency repair. Children's room closed to public for balance of the week. Second oil tank is installed outside the library as a temporary measure.

03-11 Library Board signs contract with Sandpebble Builders for Phase 2B in the amount of \$44,750.00.

RFPs responses for Architect and Mechanical Engineer reviewed.

Library Board votes to accept Wiedersum Associates response to RFP for Architectural services in the amount of \$77,500 as the low bidder.

Library Board votes to accept Strunk & Albert response to the RFP for Mechanical Engineering services in the amount of \$84,000 as the low bidder.

Sandpebble Builders attends Library Board meeting to discuss site visit to Serota Property.

Library Board passes Type II SEQRA resolution for Library Repair Project.

05-11 Library Board reviews a number of area rental property costs, including Serota property (Blockbuster building). They have submitted costs for rent, rent with option to purchase, and outright purchase.

Library Board authorizes commercial real estate appraisal of Serota property.

WFSD school budget passes 12% increase by five votes. Library Board re-visits the tax impact to residents for a Bond for Library repairs. A discussion follows of the feasibility of making repairs without an increase in tax.

06-11 Library Attorney Kevin Seaman attends Board meeting. Library attorney advises library that repairs can be financed out of Operating Budget. No bond required.

Weekly meetings with Architect Wiedersum and MEP Strunk & Albert begin.

07-11 Library Board announces to staff and community that repairs will be made without an increase in Library tax. Library will temporarily relocate to rented facilities in the community for approximately 16 months. A staff layoff is part of the proposal.

08-11 Library Board puts repair project on hold pending further community input.

10-11 Library Board Ad-hoc Advisory Committee meets for the first time. Sixteen community residents have volunteered to participate, as well as an equal number of community leaders.