

# Salisbury Library Vision Committee Update May 2009



 PROPOSED MAIN ENTRY  
SALISBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY FEASIBILITY STUDY  
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In June 2007, the Salisbury Public Library was awarded a \$40,000.00 Planning and Design Grant from the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners with matching funds (\$20,000.00) voted on at Fall 2007 town meeting. The Library Vision Committee began meeting in January 2008. Their purpose was three-fold. First, to examine the existing library, its collections, programs and services-to essentially provide a snapshot of the Salisbury Public Library as it exists today. Second, to determine future needs based on a twenty year population projection and anticipate future holdings, collections and services required, and finally to prepare a written building program summarizing their findings and outlining specifics for each area of the new library building.

The conceptual drawings included in this update by Design Partnership of Cambridge reflect 18 months of study and meetings. The designs along with the written building program are necessary for future state construction grants which will assist the town in the construction costs for the new building. While the feasibility process comes to a close with the completion of the building program and the conceptual design, there are still many steps before we get to construction. During this time the committee and the architectural team will continue to refine the design to give Salisbury the best library possible.

As we move forward on the library project, information will be available on the library's website at [www.salisburylibrary.org](http://www.salisburylibrary.org) under the "Construction Zone" link and will be posted at various places around town (including the library, town hall and senior center). The committee appreciates your input so please visit the library or check out the website to look, visit, comment throughout the process.



PROPOSED VIEW FROM TOWN GREEN  
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Some of the central objectives for the new design:

- Keep the location on the town green as “the Heart of the Community” and centerpiece of the Village Historic District and to be architecturally compatible in style and scale to its neighbors.
- Minimize the impact on the green in terms of reduced site coverage, respect for existing monuments and trees.
- Provide sufficient and safe vehicular, pedestrian and handicapped access and parking.
- Provide increased capacity and services for every segment of the population and to provide for “information/education/recreation” for the whole community.
- To be conscious of the Town’s budget constraints, both in initial expense and on-going operational and maintenance costs.



PROPOSED SITE PLAN  
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