



As some of you may already know, on December 7 and 8, 2016, the East Meadow Public Library Board of Trustees and the East Meadow School District Board of Education approved their first joint bond referendum resolution. On **Tuesday, March 7, 2017**, the Library and the School District plan to present a single bond referendum that would support major renovations and improvements to both the Public Library and facilities throughout the School District.

Since 1955, the East Meadow Public Library has been providing services and resources to enrich and enlighten all segments of our community. The Library's Board of Trustees and its administrators have been studying the feasibility of improving the Library's facility, and our ability to deliver the highest quality in information, and cultural and educational experiences to the residents of the East Meadow School District.

The last time any major work was done to the Library building was thirty years ago. For the past ten years, the Library Board and staff have been working from a list of building needs which had been developed by the people most involved with the physical facility. Some of the projects we have been able to do: replacing the wallpaper throughout the building (accomplished using in-house staff) and carving out the Young Adult Room (completed 2008). Some things we were not able to do out of the operating budget, which is why the Library Board is proposing this bond issue.

## Here are the exciting improvements we have planned:

- Construct a new 250 tiered seat lecture hall/theater/presentation space on the east side of the building.
- Add an outdoor reading garden.
- Create an entry plaza, with outdoor seating and trees.
- Build additional quiet study and group study rooms,
- Add windows which will introduce more natural light,
- Renovate the program spaces in the lower level.
- A family bathroom will be added in the Children's Room.
- Improved lighting throughout the building.

## The following proposed projects are needed to properly maintain the community's property:

- Reorganize the Library spaces to better serve the patrons and staff:
- Regrade and reconfigure the parking lot to address the flooding problem in the southeast corner and to dissuade people from avoiding the traffic light. Addition of greenery with shade trees and planting beds.
- Ensure that spacing around shelving units is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Improve energy efficiency with LED Fixtures, window replacements, HVAC units and building wide management controls.
- Replace 30-year-old oil tank with energy-efficient gas-fired boilers.
- Install new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant elevator.
- Upgrade and increase the capacity of electrical service into the building.
- Update the burglary and fire alarm systems,
- Abate hazardous material: removing asbestos floor tile and pipe insulation.

Please visit our display of the proposed project in the lobby of the Library. If you have any questions, you are welcome to visit Carol Probeyahn, the Library Director, who will happily answer any of your concerns.

The cost of the described Library project will be \$14,603,806.

For the School District, the budget is \$44,244,720.

Making a total for the two projects of \$58,848,526.

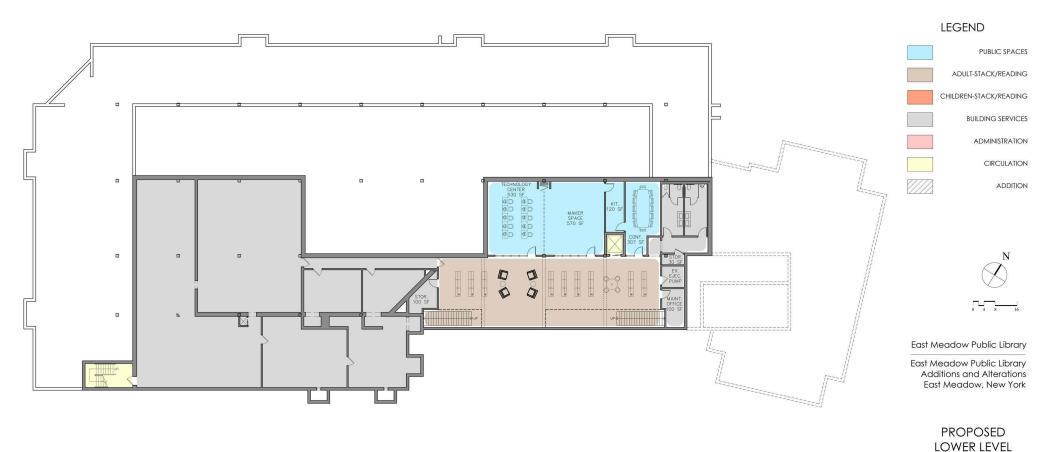
The combined tax increase over the life of the bond issue for the average homeowner is \$57.53 per year (which includes both the Library and School District renovations).

All of us at the East Meadow Public Library are excited at the prospect of transforming the Library in ways that will benefit the community for the next 50 years.

The vote will be Tuesday, March 7 at the District Elementary Schools.

- Make sure you can **VOTE** on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017.**
- Registered voters may cast their ballots for the Bond Proposition on Tuesday, March 7 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at all district elementary schools (vote at your local elementary school).
- Registration of voters not previously registered and eligible to vote shall take place on **February 27** and **28, 2017** from **9 a.m.** to **4 p.m.** in the Office of the District Clerk at the Leon J. Campo Salisbury Center, 718 The Plain Road, Westbury, NY.
- Evening registration will be held on **Monday, February 27**, between **7 p.m.** and **9 p.m.** at the East Meadow Public Library, 1886 Front Street, East Meadow, NY.
- East Meadow School District patrons who are interested in receiving an absentee ballot for the Referendum should call the District Clerk, (516) 478-5746, for an application. Once the application has been returned and the individual verified as a registered voter, the ballot will be mailed to the voter; completed ballot is due back to the District Office by 5 p.m. on the day of the Referendum Vote 3/7/2017. In addition, the School District receives a list from Nassau County of permanently disabled registered residents, who will automatically receive a ballot.





PETER GISOLFI ASSOCIATES
Architects • Landscape Architects • Interior Architects

**PLAN** 

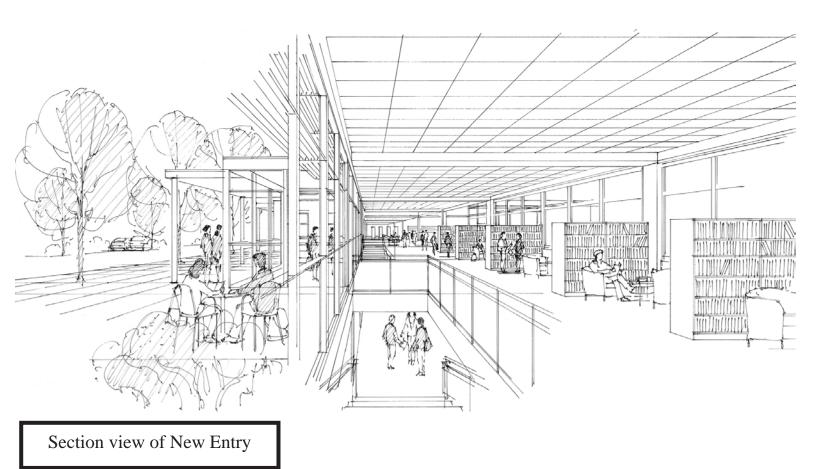






East Meadow, NY 1886 Front St. Proposed Conditions - Option A-1

## EAST MEADOW PUBLIC LIBRARY September 13, 2016 PETER GISOLFI ASSOCIATES Architects - Landscape Architects





Visit the Library's website at www.eastmeadow.info for further information. For information relating to School District projects and renovations, visit the East Meadow School District website at www.eastmeadow.k12.ny.us.

