Estimated Project Cost:
Estimated total cost: $15.4 M
- Provisional Construction grant * - 6.4 M
- Library trust fund - 0.3 M
- Feasibility Study (Paid) - 0.1 M
Estimated town investment $8.6 M

Town investment may be reduced by up to $1M through a capital campaign.

* Norwell has been awarded a $6.4 million provisional construction grant through the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program.

To receive these grant funds, Norwell must secure local funding approval at the Special Town Meeting on December 4, 2017 and Special Election on December 9, 2017.

To learn more, visit norwellpubliclibrary.org and go to the Building Project page. Questions? Contact Norwell Public Library Director Judy McConarty at 781-659-2015 x111 or jmcconarty@ocln.org.
Norwell Public Library is a Community Gathering Place
Norwell Education Foundation
Norwell High School Parents Coalition
Norwell Scholastic Arts Society
Norwell Town Democratic/Republican Committees
Norwell Garden Club * Norwell Farms
Plymouth County 4-H Club
Friendship Home Book Group
Tutoring Sessions * Study Groups
Girl Scouts * Cub Scouts * Troop Leaders
Nordland AMPS Hobby Group
South Shore Lacrosse League * Youth Chorus
Norwell Chamber of Commerce
College Interviews * Business meetings
Neighborhood Associations * Norwell Moms Club and more...

Norwell Public Library is a Center for Lifelong Learning
Book Discussion Groups * Author Talks
Independent/Foreign Films * Gardening Programs
Estate Planning * Stress Management * Tai Chi
Summer Reading Program * STEM Workshops
Norwell Reads Community Reading Events
Story Times/Early Childhood Literacy
Elder Care Series * Opioids Panel Discussion
Makerspace Experiential Learning Projects
Photography Workshops * Art/Music Programs
Genealogy Workshops * Internet Safety and more...

Norwell Public Library Proposed Building Project

Special Town Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2017
7:30 pm
Norwell Middle School

Special Election
Saturday, December 9, 2017
8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Norwell Middle School

NPL is busier than ever!

Last year:
- There were 70,000 in-person library visits
- 4,700 Norwell residents had active library cards, averaging more than 1 per household
- Staff answered 5,000 reference questions
- Over 120,000 items were checked out
- The meeting room was used 400 times
- 6,000 attendees, including kids, teens, and adults, enjoyed over 300 programs

Library use has grown since the current building opened in 1975. Beyond increases in collection size and circulation, the library serves now more than ever as a community gathering place and center for lifelong learning.

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<th>Library Use</th>
<th>1975</th>
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<tr>
<td>Collection</td>
<td>18,000</td>
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<td>1,700</td>
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The current building, now over 40 years old with much of its infrastructure past its useful life, is one of the smallest library buildings in the state in Norwell's population group. The building is no longer adequate to meet the needs of the community or to provide the resources of a 21st century public library.

The proposed library building project responds to this challenge with a new, larger building that is designed not only to accommodate the library's collection, but to provide space for the community to gather, learn, create, share, and grow.