



Key Project Information

Type:	New
Project Size:	29,800 SF new
Market Segment:	Civic/Libraries

The initial phase of architectural services included the assessment of converting a portion of a 1950s high school building for the library, as well as analyzing six town owned sites for a new library building. The study conclusion: a new building was unanimously supported by the Library Building Committee and the town.

The exterior of the new building reflects the Building Committee's strong desire to present the library in a traditional envelope, one that is sympathetic to the original, and much revered, 1898 library building. It includes textured masonry water table supporting a face brick veneer with cast stone window sills, lintels, and trim. If an architectural style must be placed on the design it would probably be "Queen Anne," with its detailed gable forms and projecting bay windows.

The public entrance of the main floor features a rotunda containing the circulation function and browsing nooks for new book display, as well as access to: The Program Room Gallery (including public bathrooms); the children's library; the reference desk; the audio-visual desk; and the fiction/non-fiction collection. Additionally, this floor features the Program Room (with seating for 100 people and after hours accessibility), a small conference room, small group study rooms, the Director's office, computer room, formal reading room, and circulation workroom. The project was completed by Ken Best in 1995 prior to joining DRA.