

# Jones Library

43 Amity Street, Amherst, MA

[Building Project Website](#)



## Project Update

The schematic design was cost-estimated using brick for the exterior of the addition. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> the Designers presented the Design Subcommittee with [alternative options](#) for the exterior of the addition that could reduce the overall budget of the project. The options presented were brick, sculping (slate), Centria (a metal siding product), or the use of some combination of these materials.

The alternative options for the exterior of the addition will be presented to the full JLBC at its next meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The presentation will also include renderings and cost estimates, if available by that date.

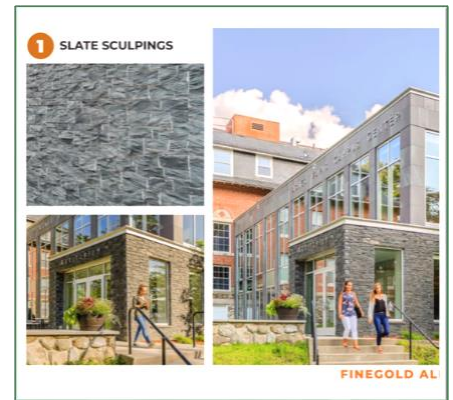
The JLBC is also scheduled on June 7<sup>th</sup> to vote on the use of gender inclusive bathrooms and elimination of the elevator in the 1928 portion of the building.

## Community Outreach Update

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Library's Young Adult Services visited Amherst High School to talk to teens about what they would like to see in the new teen space. The ARHS Library has graciously put up a comment board to continue to collect feedback from teens through the end of the school year.

## Community Outreach Update

The first round of public comments, reviewed and voted by JLBC on May 24, have been forwarded to the Designer to be included as part of the next set of revised schematics. (Details on this process can be found in the [Newsletter, Volume 2](#)).



## Upcoming Outreach Events

**June 8, 7 p.m. – 8:30- p.m.**

Public Outreach & Engagement Community Forum [Meeting Link](#)

**June 11, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Village Park Community Event

**Thursdays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Amherst Survival Center

**Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Amherst Farmer's Market

## Share a Comment in any of these formats

[info@joneslibrary.org](mailto:info@joneslibrary.org)

[Library Images - add your comments](#)

[Submit a Comment Form](#)

[Ask a Question on AmherstTalks](#)

## Other Important News

The Owner's Project Manager has identified the second set of public comments to be reviewed by the Design Subcommittee. This second round of public comments includes 142 unique comments (546 when the frequency is added) and will be reviewed by the Design Subcommittee on June 16 at 10 a.m.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Outreach Subcommittee held a Public Forum to present the first of a series of [updated schematic designs](#). Comments and feedback collected at the event will be forwarded to the Design Subcommittee and JLBC.

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Library has collected an additional 216 comments from the community, for a total of 1,414 [public comments](#)!

### What happens to the Community Feedback?

If you would like to know more about the community outreach for the Library project or give us some suggestions, please join us at our next Community Forum on June 8, 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.: <https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/88562067839>

### Show Us!

Did you know you can view images from other recently renovated libraries and share your comments about what you like or don't like in those spaces? You can also share your favorite library spaces by uploading a photograph. Don't forget to tell us what you love about the space or design. You can click on the link below

[Library Images - add your photos and comments](#)

or scan this QR code.



### Top Trending Public Comments This Week

- Children's – reading nooks
- Teens – computers
- Natural light and windows



## Upcoming JLBC Meetings

### Jones Library Building Comm.

**June 7 at 4:30 p.m.** Vote on gender-inclusive bathrooms, elimination of the elevator in the 1928 portion of the building. Preview of exterior material options for the addition. [Meeting Link](#)

### Design Subcommittee

**June 16 at 10:00 a.m.** Discussion of second round of public comments. [Meeting Link](#)

### Outreach Subcommittee

Next meeting **June 14 at 4 p.m.**

### JLBC Site Visits

Holyoke Public Library, [June 8, 8:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.](#)

Medford Public Library  
Woburn Public Library, [June 10, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.](#)

Members of the public are welcome to attend.