

Jones Library

43 Amity Street, Amherst, MA

[Building Project Website](#)



JLBC Site Visits

Last week, members of the JLBC and the public completed library tours in Holyoke, Medford, and Woburn and had the opportunity to speak with library staff and patrons in each building. *(Image of Woburn pictured.)* The tours presented an opportunity to see a newly built library as well as two different approaches taken to creating an addition onto an existing historic structure. Each library had a very different “feel” and flow and provided different takeaways and lessons. It was also an excellent opportunity to see, in person, what other libraries have done well or would do differently after ‘living’ in their new spaces.

If you were unable to join us, a [video tour](#) is available for each of the libraries. While you won’t get the conversations in these videos, it is still a great opportunity to take a peek inside some other libraries and get excited and inspired!

Project Update

The Designers will be presenting the next set of updated schematic designs to the Design Committee on June 24 at 9 a.m.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, the video of the meeting will be available on the [Amherst YouTube channel](#) by the end of the day on June 24th.

Additionally, on July 6th at 7 p.m. the Outreach Subcommittee will hold another Public Forum to present the latest updated schematic designs and collect community feedback and questions. Comments and feedback collected at the event will be forwarded to the Design Subcommittee and JLBC.

Upcoming Outreach Events

June 24, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Rolling Green 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

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[Library Images - add your comments](#)

[Submit a Comment Form](#)

[Ask a Question on AmherstTalks](#)

Other Important News

Community Outreach Update

We were grateful to be included in a community event last week at Village Park. It was another great opportunity to meet community members, including teens and children, and gather their feedback.

As of June 14th, the Library has collected an additional 195 comments from the community, for a total of 1,720 [public comments!](#)

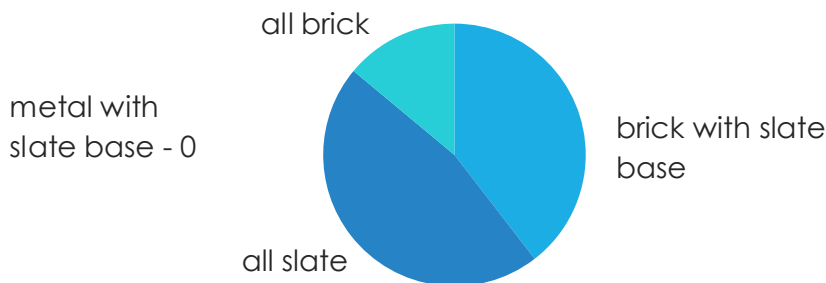
As a reminder, the period for public feedback specific to schematic design closes on July 1st. The next phase of design is Design Development. There will still be many opportunities for the community to provide feedback, but the scope of what can be changed will become narrower as the designs are developed.

Temporary Library Services

In the fall of this year, we expect to secure the spaces that will hold temporary library services while the Jones is closed for construction. The Jones is expected to close in August of 2023 and to offer services at the branches for one month while the temporary locations are made ready. The temporary locations will provide services, in addition to the branches, from September of 2023 to May of 2025.

From July 1st through August 31st the Outreach Subcommittee will be collecting feedback from the community on the provision of library services in the temporary locations and branches. Stay tuned for more details about this outreach!

Initial Public Feedback on Preferred Exterior Material Options



Document Links

[schematic designs 5/27/22](#)

[schematic designs 10/08/20](#)

[building program](#)

[projected timeline](#)

[exterior material options renderings](#)

Upcoming JLBC Meetings

Jones Library Building Cmtg.

June 21, 4:30 p.m. Discussion regarding elevator, gender inclusive bathrooms, exterior materials, and second round of public comments. [Meeting Link](#)

Design Subcommittee

June 24, 9 a.m. Presentation of updated schematic designs.

Outreach Subcommittee

Community Forum, July 6, 7 p.m. Virtual meeting to review the latest schematic designs.