

**JONES LIBRARY PARKING NEEDS**  
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The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the state library agency which is funding 2/3 of our Planning and Design Grant, recommends that public libraries have one parking place for each 400 sq. ft.

- The current Jones Library is 50,000 sq. ft.; hence we should have 200 parking places, easily accessible and not requiring patrons to cross a busy street.
- Estimates for a newly renovated and expanded Jones suggest we would need 300 parking places.
- While these parking space numbers are recommended, the MBLC is realistic and knows each library may not have the number of places their square footage requires. BUT libraries—the Jones included—must show good faith and provide as much parking as possible.
- The amount of parking the Jones will have available will be a factor in MBLC's decision to fund the renovation/construction costs,—about 50% with state funds.
- The current situation is untenable. About 1,000 people come to the Jones each day; where do they park? Many cannot find convenient space. Even if they are willing to pay to park, they cannot always find a place.
- Lack of parking is especially difficult for families with young children and for seniors.