

IPL RENOVATION/MODERNIZATION/EXPANSION: POSSIBLE PRIORITIES

6/3/2020

1. Install reliable, up-to-code, more centrally located **elevator**.
2. Create **two** welcoming/safe **at-grade entrances** that lead to circulation desk.
3. **Improve Children's Library**: more natural light, observable entrance, free of mold and wetness, free of 15 posts that block lines of sight, designated spaces for pre-literate children, young children, teens and tweens (some for groups; some for quiet), increase space for staff and storage.
4. **Install efficient, reliable HVAC** system with mechanical ventilation and working **windows**.
5. **Restore 1924 structure and prevent leakage into basement and Community Room..**
6. **Add c. 6500 square feet.**
7. **Make interior of building flexible** so it can readily be changed to accommodate future needs. (The 1988 addition is not flexible due to trusses between adult stacks.)
8. Create **larger, Community Room** where cinematic images can be seen fully by all; has a higher ceiling and more seating; can be easily sub-divided into smaller spaces, and is entered within sight of library staff. Does it require a kitchen?
9. Add and improve **bathrooms** that are **multi-person** to prevent their being misused
10. **Create assortment of spaces for quiet reading, study, and small group meetings.**
11. Add **comfortable seating and tables** for above.
12. Modernize and increase **wiring for technology**.
13. Repair **sewer line failure/back-up**
14. Make **fourth floor compliant with code**; it requires a second means of egress..
15. **Create accessible, more visible space for MCTV.**
16. **Improve computer space**: privacy, two-person usage, quiet, perhaps distributed throughout building. Should we accommodate the use of Zoom or the like?
17. Create a **teaching computer/digital/media lab**.
18. **Improve lighting** and make it efficient and standardized.
19. **Install solar panels** for electricity and/or hot water.
20. **Replace staff kitchen.**
21. Retain or expand **garden**.
22. Create **outdoor space for groups to assemble**.
23. Install **shelving and display space** that all adults and children can reach easily.
24. Maintain or increase **parking** spaces.
25. Improve **signage**.
26. Create drive-up **book depository**.

QUESTIONS

- a) Which needs for space can be met elsewhere? What are the sizes and availability of spaces in churches, Havurah, EMS, hospital, police department, fire department, town office building, schools, retirement communities, VFW, American Legion, etc.
- b) Does IPL need a reference desk/room?
- c) Should IPL be made even larger to accommodate a partner, e.g., CCV, College museum, residential apartments, offices, Chamber of Commerce, etc.?
- d) What sorts of flooring does IPL want? Where?
- e) Are there other appropriate areas in town where citizens can access high speed Internet?
- f) What to do about weight of front door and its icy steps?
- g) How important is the appearance of the exterior of any new construction?
- h) Should IPL expand its building even further to create a community center?
- i) Does IPL want to use a community-wide process, such as described in *Slow Democracy* and elsewhere?