

## **Summary of LBC Work as of Nov. 10, 2016**

- In April 2014 the Selectboard and Ilsley trustees jointly established the seven-person Library Building Committee.
- For the past two and a half years, has met nearly every month. All our meetings were publicly announced in print and on the town and library websites, and were open to all.
- Met often with members of the staff to hear their concerns
- Reviewed Ilsley's 2006 long-term strategic plan and 2007 study of space needs
- Discussed population projections
- Met with small groups of Teens and Tweens and senior citizens to listen to their thoughts about library spaces
- Hired library consultant, Barbara Doyle-Wilch, to advise the committee and Ilsley trustees on mission, space, and long-range planning
- Toured and photographed five recently renovated libraries
- Discussed articles and videos on library design
- Conducted an open-ended community survey in both printed and on-line form to gather ideas from the about what, if any, improvements were needed to our building. Over 300 persons completed surveys.
- Explored with Selectboard and Breadloaf architects the possibilities of including space for Ilsley in the new Municipal Building
- Regularly reported on our work to the Selectboard and Ilsley Trustees
- Sent a Request for Qualifications to 15 architectural firms. Nine submitted their qualifications, the committee interviewed four firms and asked two to reduce their fees. Both agreed to do so, and the

committee finally selected the less expensive proposal from Gossens Bachman of Montpelier.

- Working with library staff and our architects, the committee developed a plan and documents for tonight's meeting and encouraged citizens to participate in this meeting.
- Notification about the meeting elicited many emails and letters from community members who expressed their love for the garden and hope that it would not be lost if the library decides to expand. This correspondence, unless otherwise requested by its authors, was promptly distributed to the full building committee and our architects.



- Discussed how MCTV fits into the library's mission
- Learned that Ilsley, compared to other public libraries with similar budgets, is ranked first in Vermont and 59<sup>th</sup> out of 1,395 comparable in the US, based on library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use
- Discussed methods and time-lines for a capital campaign