

What Ashland Gains in the Historic School

Our Historic Building with Community Connections

A Vibrant, Spacious Library

FIRST FLOOR (Entry, Circulation, Children's & Technology Areas)

Circulation Desk at the entrance

- Separated from reading space and work space
- Work space for staff

Children's Room (20 feet x 29 feet = 580 square feet)

- Three times larger to accommodate more children and larger collection
- Reading/program area will not interfere with collection area
- Access to outdoor program area

Technology Lab (14x29 = 406 square feet)

- Additional computers and space for laptop users
- Work surface by each computer

Three rooms for quiet study, tutoring, small group work, office space (8x8, 8x9, 8x11 = 224 sq. feet)

Two restrooms (one in the Children's Room)

SECOND FLOOR (Collection Areas)

Room for all collections to be housed in 2 large rooms (19x29 and 23x29 = 1218 square feet)

- Books
- Magazines and newspapers
- Media materials

Local historic documents and rare books accessible to all patrons

Teens will have their own space for their materials and activities

Sufficient shelving will allow for growth of the collection

Tables and chairs will be available for individual and group work

Quiet reading areas will have comfortable seating

Restroom and kitchenette

THIRD FLOOR (Public Meeting Space)

Meeting space for town government committees and community/non-profit organizations

Program space for hosting library-sponsored speakers and presentations

One large space can be divided into 2 program areas

Accessible when library is closed

New Library – Historic School Building (41 School Street)

All areas of the building are handicapped accessible

- Grade-level entrance to the building
- Elevator access to all floors

The building has been renovated and updated

- Adheres to current codes
- Energy efficient lighting and windows
- Modern heating/cooling (FHA oil heat and central air)
- Zoned sprinkler system

Historical and architectural features are preserved (National Register of Historic Places)

Dedicated parking area with 15 spaces

Short, safe walking distance from Elementary School allows for after school activities

Current Library – Scribner Building (41 Main Street)

The 2-story clapboard house has been the library since 1938, but it is too small for current library needs and is not fully handicapped accessible. The public portion of the library occupies 1,245 square feet on the first floor, with a portion of the second floor accessible only to library staff. The typical 19th century home style with small rooms is not conducive to modern library programs, materials and patron needs.

Article 3: Appropriate \$625,000 for purchasing and furnishing the Library
 (\$600,000 bond issue + \$25,000 from capital reserve)
 (60% majority vote required)

Article 17: Add \$25,000 to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund
 (Add to the existing Capital Reserve Fund if the bond issue fails)

**Financial Impact of Bond Issue
 Warrant Article #3**

Purchase Price	\$ 525,000
Renovation/Furnishing*	100,000
Capital Reserve	- 25,000
BOND ISSUE	\$ 600,000

TAX IMPACT BEGINNING 2018

Example 1: Estimated tax impact: \$.18 (18 cents) per thousand
 (20 year bond -- Fixed annual payment – Franklin Savings Bank)
 \$100,000 home = \$18 per year
 \$200,000 home = \$36 per year

Example 2: Estimated tax impact: From \$.22 down to \$.13 per thousand
 (20 year bond – Declining payment – NH Municipal Bond Bank)
 \$100,000 home = \$22 per year declining to \$13 per year
 \$200,000 home = \$44 per year declining to \$26 per year

***Renovation/Furnishing**

- Circulation Desk at main entrance
- Additional interior locking doors (security)
- Bathroom reconfiguration in children’s room
- Library furniture
- Library shelving
- Other minor adjustments

***Grants (as they become available)**

- Pending -- Applied for USDA Rural Development grant (\$25,000) for new shelving

Recurring Estimated Annual Costs

Elevator maintenance, inspections & tests	\$5,500
Cleaning and janitorial	\$5,000
Property protection monitoring	\$1,800
Boiler Service	\$ 300
Electricity, water, sewer, fuel oil	<u>\$9,500</u>
	\$22,100