



Update on the library progress as of August 1, 2022

There will be 2 phases to the project.

- Phase 1 will focus on the Interior portions of the building which will allow for a quicker opening.
- Phase 2 will focus on the Exterior portions of the building which will provide additional amenities.

Interior Building Changes

- The updated interior alterations (no exterior work) construction drawings from the architectural firm are now complete.
- In early August, the documents will be sent to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in Trenton for permit review. Expect to get feedback from the DCA in early September (after the 30-60 day DCA review). Any requested changes will be made to the plans.
- In parallel in early August, the project will be put out to bid with at least 5 construction firms.
- End of August – bids are expected back from the construction firms by the end of August.
- After any changes from the DCA – we are hopeful for construction to begin in September.
- All efforts are being made for a late 2022 library opening.
- Please Note: This is a top priority and we need to work with state and local officials on the construction. In addition, Covid-19 has made the process a bit more involved and has resulted in supply chain impacts.

Exterior Building Changes

The exterior changes will include a new entrance, a patio, new signage and new trash enclosures.

- Our professionals anticipate being ready to resubmit the application to the town in mid-September (at the latest). This is a Major Site Preservation Plan and will involve Rocky Hill Planning Board Approval.
 - This will involve a full property survey which is the long lead task here.
 - We have secured a Land Use Attorney from Hill Wallack LLP. This is required for these type of submissions.
- The application will then be reviewed at the RH Planning Board meeting within 45 days of filing (likely October or November)
- The expectation is that these changes will be completed in the spring.
- Note: this will not impact the operation of the library once opened.

We will continue to post updates on this site.

We are excited about the new Rocky Hill Library and look forward to its opening.