

# Cos Cob Library

# Renovation Project

## KEY INFORMATION

For several years, Greenwich Library has explored renovating the Cos Cob branch. The building first opened in 1999, and is in need of refurbishment.

The revised renovation and expansion plan was developed by Peter Gisolfi Associates from Cos Cob community survey feedback, the recently released 2023-2025 Strategic Plan, and input from the Greenwich Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of Cos Cob Library, and Library leadership and staff. A parking study and site usage analysis were conducted as well as collection of internal data. The Library consulted with neighbors and other community organizations to gauge their views.

- The revised plan will add an additional 1,120 square feet to the Cos Cob Library, mainly devoted to a new 857-square foot community room.
- The layout of the existing interior space will change, shifting the children's section to the Rotunda area on the eastern side of the building and moving the adult section to the western part of the building.
- This will provide nearly 600 square feet of additional space for children and young adults.

## FUNDING SOURCES

Funding for the Cos Cob renovation is expected to come from a combination of private and public funding through anticipated capital improvement appropriations.

## COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

A total of 2,006 respondents participated in the survey in English, Japanese, and Spanish. Feedback from the survey results helped to further identify community priorities for improved and expanded spaces at the branch.

- Patrons identified collections and book displays as the one element of the branch they use most.
- Most respondents believed that the community room and children's area had too little space.
- When asked what potential renovations they would prioritize, those who identify as Cos Cob Branch primary users seek to enhance the existing features of Cos Cob Library – for example, by expanding the community room that is used for both children and adult programs – while respondents who do not consider Cos Cob their primary library seek new features for Cos Cob Library, namely dedicated quiet spaces to study, read, or work.
- Respondents praised the “wonderful” staff for their helpfulness and for creating a welcoming atmosphere.
- Another key theme in the open-ended comments was love for Cos Cob Library and its overall “neighborhood feel,” including its programming, especially children's programming.



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