# Cos Cob Library

# Renovation & Expansion Project

# **FALL 2024: THE PROJECT BEGINS**

The Cos Cob Branch Library will undertake a two-phase expansion and renovation project which will last until early summer 2025.

- Phase 1: Wernert Construction will build the new community room. This phase will last until the mid-to-late spring. The Library will remain open to the public during this period although the existing community room will not be available. As a result, programming during this period will be limited.
- Phase 2: complete renovation and reorganization of the existing Library. This portion of the project will begin in late spring 2025. It is anticipated that the phase will end in the early summer and that the fully expanded and renovated Library will reopen then.
- During Phase 2, the branch will be completely closed to the public. However, the Library plans to provide certain levels of service to Cos Cob, by arranging for pickup points for Library materials.
- Parking will be limited due to sitework througout the project. More detailed schedules will be made available in the near future.

We appreciate the community's support of this project and more than appreciate their patience as we undertake this long-needed improvement of the Cos Cob Branch Library.

## **KEY INFORMATION**

The 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 project 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 will come from a combination of private and public funding through capital improvement appropriations.



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