GRIFFIN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

UPDATED EXPANSION INFORMATION



Updated Design Footprint

See inside for information and
the reverse for the new sketch

Community Open House:
@AVS Nov. 19th 6pm

HOW WE GOT TO HERE

1) Since the 1980s, it was recognized that the library was not growing properly to fulfill the service needs of the expanding community.

2) A small expansion took place in 2004-05, finally giving the library plumbing and a bathroom.

3) Around 2017-18, a consortium of town families purchased the land behind the library and donated it to the town for library use. That land is now Pavilion Park.

4) In 2021, a consultant was hired who concluded the library was too small to serve its population. That report is available at the library.

5) In 2022 and 2025, voters passed funding for the library to hire an architect/construction team & create a series of plans, along with the proper survey and water table testing.

6) In March 2026, an Expansion Warrant Article of $7.2 million was rejected during town voting.

7) Today, a streamlined, smaller expansion plan is being developed for voters in 2027.

Griffin Free Public Library
Space Comparison Chart
September 1, 2026

	Existing Building	Notes	2023 Concept	2026 Concept	SF Change in concepts
Staff work space	242		1153	798	(355)
Meeting Room(s)	122		253	484	231
Community Room	0		1146	696	(450)
Museum	0	in storage	449	449	0
Storage	0	outside sheds	701	158	(543)
Children's area	396		1721	998	(723)
Teen Area	28	not including items in children's room	295	373	78
Adult Area	543		2038	1709	(329)
Mech./service/circulation	689		2227	1715	(512)
Total gross SF	2020		9983	7380	(2603)

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WHY EXPAND?

1) The current space (approximately 2,000 square feet) is drastically too small to accommodate patron usage, which has increased 60% since 2022.

2) Children's and Young Adult circulation alone has increased by nearly 50 percent in two years.
About 65 percent of our circulation now goes toward children's services in a space no bigger than a master bedroom

3) Library usage for events has dramatically increased state-wide. Auburn is no different. Our tiny, front room is no longer safe, comfortable, or practical to accommodate library events.

WHAT WILL THE EXPANSION BRING TO AUBURN?

1) A dedicated teen room, a larger children's area, more work space to accommodate increased circulation and several smaller dedicated conference rooms.

2) A return to the original chartered museum. Our founder designed the original building as a museum as well as a library, but we've been too small to display or highlight our enormous museum collection. That will change with the expansion.

3) A large portion of the current building would revert to a much needed larger meetings space for events, workshops, and organizational meeting spaces that could accommodate up to 50 attendees!

THE BOTTOM LINE

1) The plans call for the library to expand from about 2,000 square feet to about 7,380 square feet, a reduction of 2,500 square feet, from 2026 as indicted by the community.

2) Once the warrant passes, the timeline from plan to completion would be about two years.

3) The cost of build out would be less than approximately $5 million.

4) A significant grants and donations campaign is underway to offset costs.

Reach out to library director Dan Szczesny for information at director@griffinfree.org or visit our website at www.griffinfree.org



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