



BELMONT LIBRARY PROJECT

A NEW CHAPTER FOR BELMONT

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

SCHEMATIC DESIGN PREVIEW & COMMUNITY MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – 7:00 PM
BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY - ASSEMBLY ROOM

The Belmont Library Building Committee, the Library Board of Trustees, Library administration, the design team, and the Belmont Library Foundation invite you to a design preview event on Tuesday, November 12th. Community members will have the opportunity to hear about and view:

- Detailed interior and exterior renderings of the building
- The building's sustainable, energy-efficient features
- A detailed preliminary project budget

Come see library designs that are the culmination of 18 months of research, planning, and design, two wide-reaching community surveys, five community forums, children's programming events focused on library design, young adult focus groups, and more than 60 meetings with town government groups and organizations. The schematic design reflects a collaborative effort to meet the needs of Belmont library patrons for years to come.

EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT THE BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Belmont Public Library is more than a repository of books and other hardcopy materials. In a 21st century economy, the Library has emerged as a vital resource for patrons. From those looking to land their first jobs, to longtime business professionals who want to stay competitive and build their career networks, to those creating new business and employment opportunities for others, the Library has something to assist everyone.

Last month, the Belmont Public Library held a 21st Century Job Search program where attendees, guided by a career services professional, discussed networking, job hunting in an online economy, resume skills, and much more. Library support didn't end at the close of the event. *All* Library patrons have access to a vast array of assistance, including:

- Online learning with tutorials on the **business, software, technology, and creative skills** needed to achieve personal and professional goals (Lynda.com).
- A site devoted to **job searches, business opportunities, and market trend research** (Reference USA).
- A site covering all areas of **starting and operating a small business**, including accounting, finance, and human resource management (Gale Small Business Resource Center).

The Belmont Public Library offers as many hands-on, technology-based trainings and workshops as space allows. Unfortunately, space at the library is extremely limited, and while demand for education, employment, and business-focused workshops has increased, the available space in which to hold programs has not. The new library schematic designs include flexible spaces, larger meeting and classroom space, a media lab, and an after-hours space that will allow for expanded offerings in this area.

A flexible building with adequate programmatic space is essential to the Belmont Public Library's mission to be the place where Belmont residents can learn, share, and create -- for employment, education, entrepreneurship, and more.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE – OCTOBER 19-20

The Friends of the Belmont Public Library (FOBPL) will hold their **annual book sale** the weekend of October 19th. All proceeds from the sale are used to enhance and enrich the programs of the Library. The FOBPL, through membership dues and book sales like this, directly funds:

- Museum passes
- Adult, teen, and children's programs
- Author and music series
- One Book One Belmont
- And much more

To support the work of the FOBPL, the schematic design for the new library includes designated book donation and Everyday Book Sale areas.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to fill your bookshelves and support the FOBPL and the Belmont Public Library! Visit <https://belmontpubliclibrary.net/about/fobpl/> for additional information.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, October 19 – Sunday, October 20

Friends of the Belmont Public Library Book Sale

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday - Belmont Public Library

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Sunday - Belmont Public Library

Thursday, October 24

Board of Library Trustees Meeting

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Belmont Public Library – Flett Room

Thursday, November 7

Friends of the Belmont Public Library Meeting

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Belmont Public Library – Assembly Room

Tuesday, November 12

Library Building Committee – Schematic Design Preview & Community Meeting

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Belmont Public Library – Assembly Room

QUESTIONS?

We welcome your ideas and comments through the LBC [website](#) or by emailing info@belmontlibraryfoundation.com.