

THE HTFL CONNECTION - Special Edition April 13, 2021

Dear patrons:

We are pleased to inform you that last evening the Board of Commissioners took the next step in allowing us to renovate the Library to improve and expand our services.

The last time a major renovation was undertaken in 1979 when a major addition was built to expand the old bank building which had become our township library in 1934. Much has happened in the succeeding 40 years in terms of library usage and technology. The emergence of new technologies with the traditional services have caused libraries to rethink their space needs and layouts.

Indeed almost all of the libraries in neighboring communities around our Township have undergone innovative renovation in recent years.

As you may know there was a proposal that the Library relocate to the old Brookline School site. But that was rejected because of cost. So we went back to the drawing board and have found a way to increase our usable space that will allow us to offer better and more innovative services to all, along with providing tutor rooms, additional meeting rooms, and improved technology.

On Monday, the Board of Commissioners gave us the go ahead to continue our planning for a new and expanded library. The costs will be significantly less than the proposed relocation to Brookline School site. While we will be working on these plans, we are concurrently working with the Township to improve our parking situation, which is an important issue for many of our patrons.

We will be providing you with much more detail in the weeks ahead as we solidify our plans. For now, we want to express our thanks to the Commissioners and to our community for their support in this journey of transforming our building into a 21st Century Library! We are enthusiastic for the work ahead and hope you will join us in that excitement.

Sincerely,

Phil Goldsmith, President, Library Board of Trustees

Sukrit Goswami, Library Director

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