

## Boyden Library – Due for a Renewal!

**The problem:** The Boyden Library is filled to capacity. Built to serve a town of 12,000 people, it now serves 16,800. The original collection of 14,000 items has grown to over 100,000 items. The 43 year old mechanical systems – electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and others - are worn out and failing. They need to be replaced.

**The opportunity:** If we approve renovation and expansion by June, we receive a \$3.6 million state grant. (The money goes away if we don't act by June 15).

### The Financial Picture

Renovation and Expansion		Renovation Only	
Estimated cost of renovation and expansion	\$11.67 million	Estimated cost of renovations only	\$ 4.15 million
Amount reimbursed by the state and for "green" incentive	-\$3.63 million	Amount reimbursed by the state	\$0
Foxboro's total estimated cost for renovation and expansion	\$ 7.5 million*	Foxboro's total estimated cost for renovations only	\$ 4.15 million

\*Private fundraising and library trust funds will reduce the cost by \$540,000.

**Net additional cost to the town for total renovation and expansion is \$3.35 million.**  
Estimated cost for average taxpayer for renovation/expansion: \$76 yearly for 20 years.

### Who uses the Boyden? We do!

- In these times, Boyden is a more vital resource than ever, serving nearly 450 people daily
- In 2009, circulation reached an all time high of 206,201...a 13% increase since 2005
- In 2009, 224 people used the computers each week or 11,000 for the year
- Town groups use meeting rooms for events and activities over 500 times a year
- Staffing levels have not increased, and will not increase with the expansion

### What are the added benefits of expansion?

- It will increase the total size of the Boyden from 20,800 to 35,600 square feet
- The Children's Library will double in size and capacity, enabling the innovative reading and early learning programs that serve our young children
- Public meeting spaces will be expanded and improved
- Number of public access computers, which are heavily used by residents, will double
- Media and book collections will have space for 20 - 30 years of growth
- The expanded library can also help revitalize the downtown area and reverse the downward drift visible around the Foxborough Common, a jewel of the town
- A vibrant library reflects a town's character, which supports real estate values

### How can you participate in this decision?

- **May 3rd** Town Elections **AND** **May 10th** Town Meeting
- Every vote counts so please make your voice heard on both days!

### Renew the Boyden!

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