

Lexington 4 Libraries

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3. Lexington4Libraries is not
recognized by the IRS

4. Lexington4Libraries intends to use the building as a library for the public to use free of charge. This not only fits within the deed restrictions, it is the epitome of what Ellen Stone wanted the library to be used for. In the deed of sale for the Stone Building to the town, Ellen Stone says that she wants the building to be used “ First, for a branch depository for the circulation and exchange of books of the Cary Library. Second, For a public reading room.” Ellen Stone clearly wanted the building she was giving to the town to be used first and foremost as a library.
5. The Lexington Community, especially the East Lexington Community could greatly benefit from the use of a branch library because;
 - Elderly residents without cars or adequate transportation could walk to a library, and have easy access to books and media.
 - Parents with small children could easily reach a place of learning, where their children could enrich their minds, improve their literacy, and enhance their social skills, as well as attend numerous programs such as Story Hour.
 - Preteens and teenagers who live in East Lexington would have a quiet, inviting place to study and do homework, with the aid of computers and reference materials. Waldorf and Lexington Schools students previously studied and did homework at the Branch Library before it was closed.
 - Residents of East Lexington will not have to drive all the way into the center to pick up or return books. This will save gas and money for the residents of East Lexington, and will reduce carbon emissions from burned fossil fuels. In addition, by lessening the number of people driving to the center, congestion will be reduced on Mass Ave, and there will be fewer over-filled parking lots in the center.
6. The intended users of the East Lexington Branch Library would be the children, adults, and elderly of Lexington and East Arlington.
7. The East Branch Library would be open to the public Monday-Saturdays with regularly scheduled hours. The library would be open 50 hours a week, six days a week, or whatever number of hours and days open the trustees see as appropriate.
8. The facility would be staffed at all times with one librarian and one volunteer, instead of 2 librarians as it was previously staffed.
9. The facility would not require any additional parking than is already in place.
10. According to the HKT architects’ overview of the Stone Building, the renovations that will need to be done will include;
 - Removal of the aluminum siding and restoration/replacement of clapboards
 - Restoration/replacement of the wood trim
 - Replacement of broken glazing; repairing of the sash; reuse of storm windows or replacement with wood storms.

- Replacement of the mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems; and installation of fire protection systems.
 - Reinforcement of the structure to meet assembly use code requirements, reparation of other miscellaneous structural elements,
 - Creation of handicapped-accessible entry, and access to bathrooms, drinking fountains and second floor.
 - Patch and repair walls, ceilings, trim, doors, fireplaces, and miscellaneous details.
11. Lexington4Libraries anticipates that carpeting for the second and possibly first floor, numerous wood chairs for the meeting room upstairs and for the computers, and numerous soft chairs for reading will be needed to refurbish the East Lexington Library. It is also anticipated that tables or desks will be needed for the computers and magazines downstairs, the children and young adult sections on the second floor, and the librarian's room on the second floor.
 12. Lexington4Libraries' financial plan for operating the library is to use the money that was previously used to operate the building to operate the building in the future. Using volunteer librarians will reduce the cost of operating the library, as will repairing the electrical systems, which will make the building's energy use more efficient and less costly.
 13. Lexington4Libraries is not affiliated with the Town of Lexington.
 14. Lexington4Libraries believes that the people of East Lexington would donate enough to cover the \$25,000 insurance deductible if the town of Lexington committed to fixing the building, and if the town needed additional monies to repair the library, the people of the town of Lexington would generously donate. Lexington4Libraries would like to remind the town that over \$4 million was raised for the main branch, and that the Main Branch was not in as dire need of a renovation as the Stone Building.