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**Belmont Library Building Committee to Present Schematic Designs
at November 12th Community Meeting**

BELMONT, Massachusetts – On Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 PM, the Library Building Committee and architects from Oudens Ello Architecture will present library schematic designs at a community meeting in the Assembly Room of the Belmont Public Library.

The Belmont Library Building Committee has spent the last 18 months evaluating the current library's building infrastructure and usage data, interviewing library staff and patrons, conducting wide-reaching community surveys, facilitating focus groups, meeting with community members, town organizations and other key stakeholders, and holding multiple community forums. The final schematic designs reflect this extensive research, feedback, and input and exemplify a library that will meet the needs of Belmont residents for years to come.

"The Building Committee is extremely excited to share schematic design of the new library. Belmont residents and organizations were integral to the development of the building design. We are confident that the new library will meet Belmont's needs and reflects the Library's mission of providing a center for information and discovery through innovative programming, robust collections, and responsive services," said Clair Colburn, Chair of the Library Building Committee.

The Library Building Committee was formed in 2017, after a 2016 feasibility study concluded that the current library -- with an aging infrastructure, accessibility shortcomings, and extremely limited programming space -- was a poor candidate for renovation. The feasibility study determined that addressing the building's many structural and design deficiencies would result in a significant loss of usable space and would not solve the limitations that heavily impact library programming. For these reasons, the schematic designs represent a new library building.

Please join the Library Building Committee, the Library Board of Trustees, Belmont Public Library administration, the Design Team, and the Belmont Library Foundation for a schematic design preview event on Tuesday, November 12th. Now is the time to view the interior and exterior building designs, hear about the energy efficiency of the new building, and learn about the exciting features of a library that will be the start of a new chapter for Belmont.

For additional information about the Library Building Committee and to view project details, please visit: <http://belmontpubliclibrary.net/about/building-committee>.

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