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Ellsworth Public Library Selects Local Architect for Renovation Project

Board of Trustees chooses Sealander Architects to guide next chapter of library's future



EPL Director Sarah Lesko and Architect Mike Sealander(right) during a tour of the library © EPL

Ellsworth, Maine — The Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) is moving forward with the next major phase of its renovation and expansion project. During a special public meeting on September 24, the Board of Trustees voted to work with Sealander Architects, an Ellsworth-based firm, to produce construction design documents and lead the construction. A project kick-off meeting is scheduled for early October.

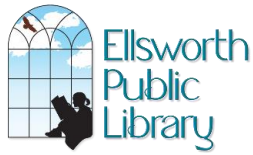
"The final proposals were excellent, and the board took this decision very seriously," said S. Craig MacDonald, Chair of the Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees. "We discussed many different viewpoints and carefully considered factors such as the current funding climate before making our selection."

EPL issued a public Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural services in July 2025. Four firms submitted proposals, and two finalists were invited to present their concepts in August. A review panel — composed of city officials and library leadership — evaluated each firm based on relevant experience, project approach, cost, and overall value.

The renovation, launched in 2024, is a critical step in ensuring the library can continue to meet evolving community needs. Planned updates include enhancing ADA accessibility, improving safety, addressing long-deferred maintenance, reducing noise, and creating flexible spaces to

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better serve a wide range of patrons. This marks the library's third attempt since 2011 to modernize and adapt its historic facility for future generations.

EPL will share updates with the public as they become available. Project documentation can be found on the library's website: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/renovation-updates/>.

About EPL: The Ellsworth Public Library is an open, welcoming, and safe space where people come together to learn, connect, and grow. It is a vibrant hub of curiosity and community, where everyone is invited to participate, explore, and enjoy. We believe that a strong library is the cornerstone of a sustainable and healthy community. Literacy, especially early literacy, is a vital foundation for the well-being of all community members.

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