

# MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

## Planning and Design Project

### Monthly Report

Library Name:	Jones Library
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City & Zip:	Amherst, 01002
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Report Month & Year:						
January	February	March	April	May	June	July
August	September	October	November	December	20 <u>15</u>	FINAL
Date Completion Expected:		<u>October 2016</u>				

This is to report on the status of the public library planning and design project which is partially funded with Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program funds through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and governed by the Regulations and Assurances in the application and the grant Agreement.

NARRATIVE: (Describe briefly what happened on your project during this report month. If necessary, use an additional sheet.)

Please see attached.

Dated at The Jones Library this 26 day of January, 20 16

Name of Person Submitting Report: Sharon Sharry

Signature of Person Submitting Report: [Signature]

Complete reverse only if you have entered into a contract with an architect

**FINANCIAL: Total Eligible Project Costs****I. Project Funding**

1.	MPLCP Grant Funds Awarded	a	\$ <u>50,000</u>
2.	Local/Other Funds Budgeted	b	\$ _____
3.	Total; Funds Available (a+b)	c	\$ _____

**II. Expenditures to Date**

1.	MPLCP Grant Funds Expended to date	d	\$ _____
2.	Local/Other Funds Expended to date	e	\$ _____
3.	Total Funds Expended (d+e)	f	\$ _____
4.	Balance remaining to expend (c-f)	g	\$ _____

**III. MPLCP Funds Summary**

	Total MPLCP Grants Funds received to date	\$ _____
	Total MPLCP Grant Funds Remaining in Local Accounts	\$ _____
	Number of grant payments received	

\_\_\_\_\_ We certify that all unexpended MPLCP funds are earning interest in a separate account.

Attachments:

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Project Information/Documentation

Submit one copy on WHITE paper plus any documentation required to:  
Deborah Roth, Contracts Specialist  
Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners  
98 N. Washington St., Suite 401, Boston, MA 02114-1933

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*December 2015*

1. The Amherst Historical Society (AHS) continued to research whether or not they can legally sell a portion of their property to The Jones Library, Inc. They were advised by their lawyer to bring with them to the court hearing a signed Memorandum Of Understanding and a draft rendering of the proposed Library/Strong House connection.
2. Held a conference call with Amherst Town Counsel in order to begin the process of creating a Memorandum of Understanding between the Library, Town of Amherst, and Amherst Historical Society.
3. We continued our "Listening Tour" as part of the Library's upcoming Capital Campaign.
4. Scattered throughout the building are places for Library patrons to post comments about the building. We call it the "What do you like about this space" project.
5. Austin Sarat, President of the Library's Board of Trustees, filed a 23(b)(3) disclosure form (Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest) with the Town Clerk so that he could be on the architect hiring committee.
6. The architect hiring committee decided to interview all six architectural firms which applied for the job of Jones Library renovation/expansion architect. One architect, Schwartz, Silver, withdrew, citing lack of time. The remaining five firms interviewed during open public meetings were:
  - a. Lerner Ladds Bartels
  - b. Tappé Architects, Inc.
  - c. Lamoureux Pagano Associates
  - d. Finegold Alexander Architects
  - e. Johnson Roberts Architects
7. Architect hiring committee members checked architect references and visited newly renovated Massachusetts public libraries.



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