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Agenda

1. PROJECT INTRODUCTION
2. PROJECT TEAM
3. PROJECT PROCESS & SCHEDULE
4. INITIAL LIBRARY ANALYSIS AND THOUGHTS
5. RELATIONSHIP TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD
6. NEXT STEPS
7. YOUR INPUT
Meeting Format

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Text SASAKIPOOLS to 22333 to join the session.

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Navigate to pollEV.com/sasakipolls
Project Introduction
The City of Boston and Boston Public Library are beginning a study of the Codman Square Branch. This study will collect information about the Branch Library and the community it serves. It will set priorities for library services and design. Finally, it will explore options for renovation, addition, and replacement of the building.

Goals of the Study

- Collect information about the Codman Square branch and the community it serves
- Work with the community to establish program and design priorities
- Develop a library building program
- Assess the existing building and site
- Explore options for renovation, addition, and replacement of the building
- Establish building systems and cost parameters for each option
- After establishing library needs, determine whether it is possible to add housing to the site while meeting all of the library’s needs
- Provide recommendations to the City for moving forward with the project
Typical Project Schedule

Study: 12 months
Approval: 12 months
Design: 18-24 months
Bid/Construction: 18-24 months

Community Input Opportunities: WE ARE HERE
Project Team
We’d like to hear from you throughout the presentation tonight!

We will be asking a series of questions live. You can answer them in one of two ways:

JOIN BY PHONE/TEXT

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OR

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As community members, you are part of our team! Tell us your relationship to the Codman Square Branch Library:

- Library Staff
- City Staff
  - Neighborhood Resident (This is my local branch)
  - Neighborhood Professional (I work or go to school nearby)
  - None of the above (I just happen to be interested in the this project!)
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Study Schedule
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Phase I  
Information-Gathering

Phase II  
Program + Test Fit

Phase III  
Final Documentation

Community Meetings

Goal
Understand existing uses, conditions, & community aspirations and invite feedback

Review draft library space + facility needs

Review options & previous feedback

Review possibility of housing on site

Final adjustments

WE ARE HERE
Initial Library Analysis & Thoughts
Codman Square Library Branch
Building Space Needs

- Building Entrances
- Service Desk
- Adult Area & Collections
- Teen Area & Collections
- Children’s Area & Collections
- Community Room
- Staff Work Areas
- Restrooms
- Building Services
Library Programs + Events Analysis

- Many programs and events throughout the day, some concurrent
- This chart is part of our analysis of all scheduled events in the year before the pandemic

![Library Events by Type (2018-20)](chart_image_url)

- Small groups of 7-15 people
- 2 Cohorts of 30 people each
- 20-30 people
- 30-60 people

Community Organization
Games
Homework Help
Literacy & Citizenship
Senior Arts and Smarts
Special Event
Storytime
Summer Reading
Technology
Building Assessment

- **Program & space needs**
  - Does each space meet the needs of the library collections, services, and activities that it contains?

- **Building systems**
  - Heating, cooling, ventilation
  - Electrical, fire alarm,
  - Plumbing, sprinklers
  - Building structure

- **Building envelope**
  - Walls, windows, roof

- **Building security**

- **Sustainable Design**
  - Energy efficiency
  - Embodied carbon

- **Accessibility**

- **Site systems and exterior spaces**
  - Sidewalks, green spaces, plantings
  - Drainage and utilities
  - Parking
What is your favorite space in the library?

- The Community Room
- The Children's Space
- The Teen Area
- The Outdoor Area
- The Stacks
- Other
What is one word you would use to describe the Library today?
What improvements would you like to see at the Library?
(Enter a short phrase)
Relationship to the Neighborhood
The Neighborhood

- 21 Block Groups
- Area of Block Groups: 1.11 Sq Miles
- Total Population: 25,579 (+34% from 2010)
- Population Density: 23,044 People/Sq Mile
Neighborhood Demographics

Who is living within the Codman Square Library catchment area?
• BIPOC population: Majority Black and Hispanic populations
• Family households with a high percentage of single-mother households
• Families with young children

How has the surrounding neighborhood changed since 2010?
• Increase in total population by over 25%
• Becoming more racially and economically diverse
• Increase in owner-occupied households
• Increase in single-female family households
Neighborhood Character

- 3-4 Story Housing
- Washington Street
- CODMAN BRANCH LIBRARY
- Businesses + Restaurants
- Quiet Neighborhood Streets
- Social Front Yards
- Open / Green Space
- Neighborhood Streets
What is one word you would use to describe the Codman Square Neighborhood?
How should the library contribute to the character of the Codman Square neighborhood? (Enter a short phrase)
Next Steps

- Gather feedback
- Develop space program
- Create concept options
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March
April
May
June
July
August
September
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December
January

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Your Input

We want to hear from you!
Please visit
https://www.bpl.org/codman-square-project/
and fill out a survey online or on paper!

Further Feedback?

Please contact Priscilla Foley, Director of Neighborhood Services, Boston Public Library
pfoley@bpl.org
Thank you!
Codman Square Library Community Engagement

As community members, you are part of our team! Tell us your relationship to the Codman Square Branch Library:

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**Engagement**

- **Responses**: 65%
- **Responses**: 26
What is one word you would use to describe the Library today?

Responses

- bunker
- settled
- poor
- Welcoming
- Welcoming
- unusable
- spacious
- boring
- community
- community
- community
- lacking
- great librarians
- archaic
- Bunker
- potential
- outdated
- Outdated
- community
- boring
- welcoming
- safe
- Outdated
- Quaint
- outdated
- Spacious
- helpful
- basic
- outdated
- old
- Community
- confusing
- old
- charming
- Old
- helpful
- lacking 21st century
- kind staff
- opaque
- Caring
- outdated
- Has potential
- Outdated
- welcoming
- fun
- Old
- Enormous
- too small
- Outdated
- small
- Nice but a bit outdated.
- Imposing
- needs love
- Bare
- Resource
- mysterious
- Tired
- traditional
- Outdated
- spacious
- outdated
- sleepy
- sad
- big
- Fun
- Helpful
What improvements would you like to see at the Library? (Enter a short phrase)

Responses

To remain just a library in this already too dense neighborhood. Community rooms yes. Housing-No.

More welcoming to children & families - Children can run out of the area easily, and children are told to keep voices quiet because of the library's open space.

space for community organizations to meet

Outdoor landscaped spaces ONLY if they can be well maintained

Sensory items!! More nice, safe green space.

events More green space

more technology updates

graphics that tell the story of the neighborhood and the diverse community that it serves

spaces that can be used without disturbing others

intergenerational space allowing for more creative activities

street front area of building --poorly maintained, not welcoming

fit the historic nature of community

more printing and updated technology

More teen space

comfortable spaces to settle into for reading

updated technology Maintenance plan

better signage and identification of the various areas

Community garden space better lighting

Community garden / children's garden
Responses

- Modern, green, vibrant activities
- floors for teens, floor for youth, floor for adults
- Better technology
- community space available in evening hours
- Study rooms / meeting rooms multi use Greenery
- more integrated space
- Recently published books- super outdated
- Preservation and enhancement of outdoor gardens
- More inviting More community activities
- Engagement spaces more events
- More activities, including virtual components even after Covid.
- community space room that community can use
- Architecture that represents the culture of our community
- less bunkerlike maintain/improve fair foods use
- More spaces for teens
- improved floor plan for workflow updated
- Wifi access indoor and outdoor space
- multi level and floors for different ages
- I like the children's area More windows
- Better front sidewalk...more benches and social space
- green building Larger gardens physical plant
- variety of books in stacks
Responses

Make a brighter space with more books, technology, and community meeting spaces.

updated community space

trees/green space and seating outside

Community meeting room

More activities and resources  less concrete

Interaction  larger  outside space

more dynamic  more teen space and resources

removal of sunken space  Green building

More attractive building

more welcoming and coherent

More community breakout rooms

community meeting room  Visibility to the outdoors

more transparency - I want to be drawn in

computer space  technological  more windows
What is one word you would use to describe the Codman Square Neighborhood?

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How should the library contribute to the character of the Codman Square neighborhood? (Enter a short phrase)

Responses

Affordable housing, diverse books, dedicated children and teen area, garden area

Evening hours to accommodate more residents

Have multilingual librarians that represent the community

A safe space for people of all needs - internet accessibility for those who need it

Free printing to support our low income neighbors

Provide resources that people need - wrap around services, business incubation, etc.

Children's space that gives a safe space to read, play, imaginative play, color, gather

Support events and activities that bring the diverse community together

Make it feel safe and secure space for families

Tell history of Codman square

Engage neighborhood

Increase technological classes

TeenSpace that feels welcoming & engaging & safe

Project a more welcoming appearance

Inclusive and safe

One of the last true public places

More useful & maintained & welcoming gardens

Skills building/training programs

Stay as library and not be multipurpose - no housing within or on top of

Welcoming to nearby schools, daycares, & preschools
Responses

😊 Maintain historic building feel

Keep quiet atmosphere of traditional library.

Not the existing building, the architecture around it...the building that is there is not a contributor

Hire staff that is more in line with the culture

celebrate longevity of families

More responsive to community needs

Supporting existing community efforts

celebrate BIPOC community residents

Beautify Washington street Community gathering

decreasing the digital divide

Different celebrations and education on the different cultures in the community

a place for learning Welcoming

Represent ALL of the diverse residents

promote healthy, sustainable, and walkable neighborhood

Beautiful, books, technology space with nice green space.

welcoming-to-all community space for gathering

place for teen events

elevate Black & Brown community

sized to fit the neighborhood resource center

Resource for all community members

be respectful of the architecture of the neighborhood
Responses

- provide a public place
- hub
- community resource
- community gathering space
- maintain historic nature of building architecture
- events
- A place that is really for all
- Diversity within the library
- integrated
- meeting space
- support families
- Community resource
- a place where people gather for civic engagement
- shared events
- enhance and advance the neighborhood
- maintain parking
- build-community