



## Why do we **need** a new library?

### **Growing Demand for Increased Library Services and Materials**

- ❖ Based on the current circulation rate of 256,116 for FY15, and services offered, this library is 50% too small by national and state standards.
- ❖ Library use and program attendance grew by 50% in the last 10 years.
- ❖ Computer and Wireless Internet use grew by 100% in the last 10 years.
- ❖ The Library hosted 367 library programs in FY15.
- ❖ The Large Meeting Room was booked 364 times, and the quiet study room was booked for another 250 meetings or programs in FY15.

### **There is no Space to Expand**

- ❖ The children's room is inadequate for the population it serves.
- ❖ There is no Young Adult area where teens can have their own computer stations, quiet study rooms for tutoring, inadequate collection and shelving space or designated technology space.
- ❖ The Community Room is not large enough, nor is it sound proof. It can't accommodate after hours use because it has no separate entrance, no bathrooms or sink.
- ❖ There are no quiet study rooms for the public to read newspapers, hold tutoring sessions or take proctored exams.
- ❖ Insufficient and poorly designed staff space which impedes workflow and staff efficiency. An inadequate meal and staff bathroom space.

### **Lack of Handicap Accessibility**

- ❖ External and internal handicap access needs to be brought up to existing code.
- ❖ Hearing and sight impaired patrons do not have the necessary equipment to make full use of the library.

## **The Solution**

A larger more effective and efficient library for Sharon  
Libraries are not dead repositories for books, they are vital to the future!