

# HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY MASTERPLAN CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**THE PHASE ONE MASTERPLAN REVIEWED:** SERVICES, OPERATIONS & FACILITY LIMITATIONS.

**IDENTIFIED CURRENT GAPS AS DRIVEN BY:** SPACE CONSTRAINTS & FUTURE SERVICE NEEDS.

**WAS INFORMED BY:** BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN, COMMUNITY, STAFF, & STAKEHOLDER INPUT.

**DEVELOPED:** A SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN AND FUTURE-FOCUSED FACILITY MODEL

**EMPHASIZED:** FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE SPACES TO SUPPORT EVOLVING COMMUNITY NEEDS

**RESULTED IN:** A PROPOSED FACILITY SIZE OF 27,563 SQ FT



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## LIBRARY AS COMMUNITY ASSET

### QUALITY LIBRARY SERVICE:

- EXCELLENT STAFF
- WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE
- WELL-ATTENDED AND VALUED PROGRAMS
- INCLUSIVE INDOOR + OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS



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## CURRENT STRENGTHS (HPL TODAY)

### CURRENT USES:

- "THIRD SPACE"
- COMMUNITY HUB
- COMMUNITY LIVING ROOM

HOME



WORK



SOCIAL



### SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE:

- CONNECTION
- LEARNING
- ACCESS TO RESOURCES



CONNECTION



LEARNING



RESOURCES



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## CURRENT GAPS (CRITICAL DEFICIENCIES)



### FACILITY + CAPACITY ISSUES:

- INSUFFICIENT SQUARE FOOTAGE
- LIMITED SEATING OPTIONS
- LACK OF QUIET STUDY AND MEETING SPACE
- LACK OF STAFF SPACE



### OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS:

- LIMITED OPEN HOURS
- SMALL STAFFING COMPLEMENT



### COLLECTION LIMITATIONS:

- COLLECTION QUALITY
- ANNUAL COLLECTIONS EXPENDITURE



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## A GROWING HUNTSVILLE

- POPULATION GROWTH
- RISING EXPECTATIONS OF LIBRARY SERVICES

### EMERGING NEEDS:

- EXPANDED AND FLEXIBLE SPACES
- ROBUST COLLECTIONS  
(PHYSICAL + DIGITAL + LIBRARY OF THINGS)
- EXTENDED HOURS
- ENHANCED PROGRAMMING:
  - TEEN SERVICES
  - MAKER CULTURE
  - EVENINGS/WEEKENDS



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## THE LIBRARY AS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

### POSITIONING THE BUILDING AS A SHARED CIVIC ASSET

- LIBRARY SPACES EXTEND BEYOND LIBRARY USE
- BOOKABLE BY COMMUNITY GROUPS
- SUPPORTS TOWN FUNCTIONS
- ADDRESSES SHORTAGE OF PUBLIC MEETING/STUDY SPACE



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## RECOMMENDED FUNCTIONAL SPACES

### CORE SPACES:

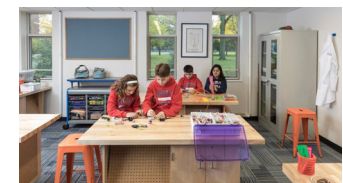
- LARGE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM (KITCHENETTE + STORAGE, AFTER-HOURS USE)
- ACTIVITY/CRAFT ROOM (DEMO KITCHEN + STORAGE)
- BOARD/FRIENDS MEETING ROOM

### FOCUSED USE SPACES:

- 3 PRIVATE STUDY ROOMS

### CREATIVITY/INNOVATION:

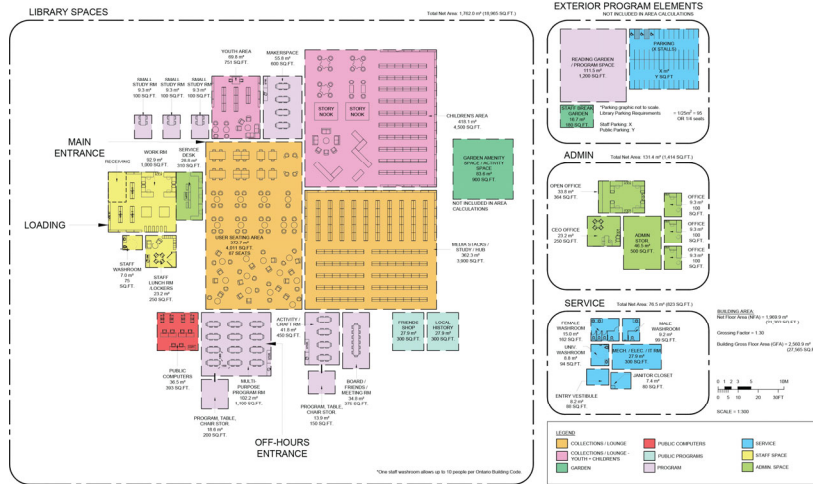
- MAKERSPACE WITH AUDIO/VIDEO PRODUCTION



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## PROPOSED SPATIAL ORGANIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS



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## DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

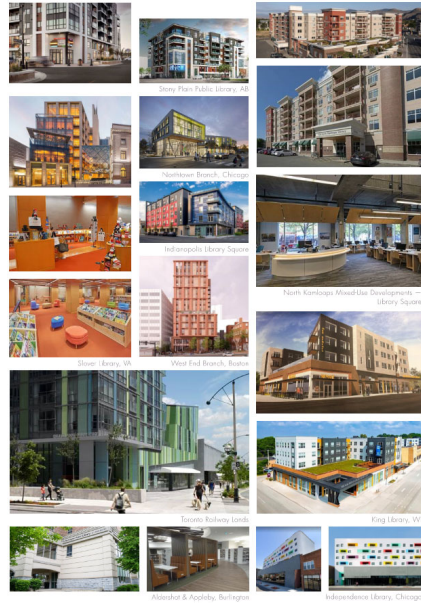
	OPTION	PROPERTY COST	CONSTRUCTION COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
A) EXPAND	Expand the existing library: Vertical Addition	None	High	High	
	Expand the existing library: Horizontal Addition	None	Moderate	Lowest	Inadequate site area for program
B) NEW SITE	Securing a new site and building a new Library building	Highest	Highest	Highest	Cost depends on land cost, parking provided, site size to landscape and servicing extent required
C) PROPERTY PARTNER	Partnering with a Property Developer on a Future Project	Least	Lowest	Lowest	
D) FACILITY PARTNER	Partnering with a Complimentary Facility Partnership to share a facility and site	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Do suitable, funded partners exist?



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# DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: PRECEDENTS



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