

# Orwell Library Project List

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Renovate to become a fully accessible community space that offers vital and up to date library services and fulfills all public space rules.

Functional Category	Current Challenge	Vision	Projects
ADA accessibility	inaccessible bathroom, problematic thresholds, steep & tight stairs to 2nd floor.	Compliant bathroom, easier maneuverability, & better access to OHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• build new restroom</li> <li>• fix thresholds and install new flooring in kid's room</li> <li>• install outdoor book return</li> <li>• replace staircase to 2nd floor</li> </ul>
Historic Restorations	Front entry doors not working properly, rotten jams, broken windows	Restore current front entry doors and first level windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restore front doors with historic mindset</li> <li>• Reglaze &amp; rebuild windows where needed</li> </ul>
Children's Room	cramped for daily use, frigid in winter, and not conducive to programming use	Increased square footage of floor space in a usable direction, very cold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• remove current bathroom to add to floor space</li> <li>• reconfigure shelving</li> <li>• insulate floor, fix door and assess/fix other air infiltration</li> </ul>
Storage/staff spaces	Over capacity with storage, washing dishes in the bathroom,	Sufficient storage and staff spaces for daily operations, community needs, and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• add kitchenette</li> <li>• include storage in all renovated areas, basement, OHS</li> </ul>
Basement	No basement access from parking area, low ceiling in allotted space, dark, dirty, squirrel infested	a usable basement for library storage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase lighting</li> <li>• replace door on west wall</li> <li>• replace/fix door on north side</li> <li>• add dry, clean storage space in basement</li> </ul>
Tutoring, Group Study space	students and groups work in well-traveled, noisy areas	Provide space for tutors and students to work, small groups to meet during library hours, and staff work space away from well-traveled areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• remove wall between 2-seater and office</li> <li>• include flexible furniture options and storage</li> <li>• install additional outlets</li> </ul>
Community Meeting Space	All programs happen among the regular stacks making browsing uncomfortable or impossible during open hour events	Increase the libraries square footage to allow for open hours programming and community events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Foundation	Crack in the foundation and loss of topsoil is allowing for water infiltration in the NW corner	Fix the foundation of the building for the next 100 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Siding	Lead paint creates a hazard for the future.	Replace siding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>