

Southington Library Building Project
Concept Design Phase

About Tappé Architects

"Southington Library is a Place for People"

- ◇ Worked on over 90 Library projects
- ◇ Last five projects have come in on schedule and below bid.
- ◇ Has experience with the Connecticut State Library Construction Grant, almost all projects in Massachusetts qualified for their state construction grant as well.
- ◇ Comprehensive and robust community engagement process.
- ◇ Has committed to being available and has stated projects within 2-3 hours from their home office is easily within the zone where they can provide full service to their clients.
- ◇ Is comfortable with Southington's time frame.
- ◇ Design to a budget.
- ◇ 3D rendering capabilities

"We will work really hard for the money that you have, we are committed to your success."

Tappé Architects wants to build our grandchild's library.

Why are you the best firm for the job?

"Broad design thinking with lots of experience."



Tappé Architects stated goal is to create libraries that are uniquely meaningful within the community.



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Who Will We Be Working With?

Jeffrey M Hoover, AIA — Principal
Director of Library Design

Jeffrey Hoover specializes in programming, planning, and design of learning environments, with a particular focus on libraries. Mr. Hoover has been actively involved with architectural conferences and symposiums throughout the world, speaking on: future libraries, historic renovations and additions, and the influence of technology on the practice of architecture. He has been an instructor for Harvard University's Graduate School of Design's Office of Executive Education, teaching Library Planning and Design, since 1999. Jeff has recently been Chair of the Architecture for Public Libraries Committee for the American Library Association and is a current committee member.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the University of Oregon.



Chris Blessen, Project Manager

Chris Sharkey, Designer

Wendy Hynes, Director of Interior Designer



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Firm Design Awards

- ◇ ALA/ALA Library Building Award (2017) - Varina Area Library
- ◇ New Landmark Libraries Honorable Mention Library Journal - Kilton Library
- ◇ Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture, AIA Richmond Chapter (2016) - Libbie Mill Library
- ◇ AIA Western MA Chapter Design Award - Worcester Public Library
- ◇ BSA K-12 Educational Facility Design Award: Honor Award L.D. Batchelder Elementary
- ◇ MA Historical Commission: Preservation Award
- ◇ AIA New England Design Award for Design Excellence -Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum
- ◇ BSA Design Award for Design Excellence - Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum
- ◇ Connecticut Preservation Award of Merit - Historic Restoration - Pequot Library
- ◇ National Commercial Builder's Council Merit Award - Acton Memorial Library
- ◇ NAHB Award of Excellence - Acton Memorial Library
- ◇ Build NY Award Excellence in Design - Oswego Library
- ◇ PLNY: Excellence in Historic Preservation - Oswego Library

ALA/ALA Library Building Award (2017) - Varina Area Library

The library, which opened on June 1, 2016, is a new 43,000 sqft building located on a 22-acre parcel of land in the rural, eastern section of Henrico County, Virginia. The new state-of-the-art library replaces a small 6,000 sqft branch that served the Varina community for over 40 years.

The design of the library reflects and reinforces the unique, local culture and history of the Varina district. The building and materials are reminiscent of the agrarian structures that once populated the area, borrowing on the form of a tobacco barn. The Library is configured to be a series of three pavilions emerging from and cascading down the site toward a protected wetland area. Both the interior and exterior materials are inspired by those found recurrently in the surrounding community. The end of each pavilion is enclosed by expansive glass walls that maximize views, allowing natural light to bathe the interior. The project is designed to achieve LEED Silver Certification.

Configured for adaptability, the spatial connections between the Teen Collection, Collaboration Zone and Digital Media Lab allow the spaces to flex over the course of a day to accommodate emerging entrepreneurs, seniors, teens, and tech-savvy patrons. At the opposite end of the library, the Silent Study pavilion is immersed in daylight and the natural environment surrounds patrons who desire a place for focused concentration. The Children's Collection has a "floating" story and craft pavilion accented with pops of color that children can access through a great "barn door." Spilling from the Welcome Zone to the Reading Landing, cascading seating steps become an informal amphitheater when the oversized screen lowers in front of the two-story glass wall that frames the woods and walking trails.



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Tufts Library, Weymouth MA, population 54,116

The New Tufts Library is a \$33 Million 52,000 sqft modern, 21st-century library. The town of Weymouth created a new library charter to meet the needs of the community with a new central library. Tappé recognized that these goals directly corresponded to key components of their own library design process and practice. Together with the town, the project is on track to play a prominent role in the Town's 400th-anniversary celebration in 2022. The library will include an expanded children's department, a new local history center, numerous study rooms, a variety of programming areas for different user groups, a comprehensive and scalable technology infrastructure, and a suite of community meeting rooms available for after-hours use. LEED Silver tracking.

Public library design today is about flexibility, with priority placed on elements such as an efficient and cost-effective floor plan, flexible spaces that can be reconfigured and repurposed, and an infrastructure that can expand and adapt. The new Tuft Library will incorporate all these elements. Major improvements will include:

- ◇ An expanded children's services department with programming spaces for multiple age groups
- ◇ A suite of community meeting rooms allowing for after-hours use
- ◇ Special gathering spaces for juveniles, tweens, and young adults
- ◇ A media lab for digital "maker" activities such as audio-visual and computer modeling
- ◇ An expanded technology infrastructure of public computers, PACs, and wireless internet
- ◇ Open reading areas infused with comfortable seating and outdoor views
- ◇ Numerous study rooms equipped with SMART technologies
- ◇ A local history center to display and preserve the library's nationally significant collection
- ◇ An amphitheater and other outdoor open spaces for performance-based programs and passive recreation



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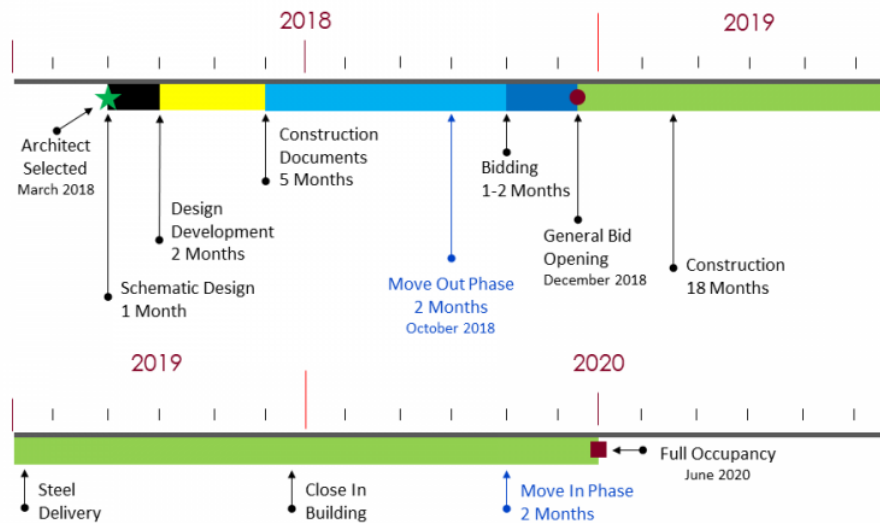
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Project Plan & Timeline



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Barrington Public Library, RI



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Varina Area Library, VA



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Libbie Mill, VA



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Gayton Library, VA



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Fairport Public Library, NY



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Worcester Public Library, MA



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