

Pittsford Community Library

Pittsford, New York



The Town of Pittsford, New York engaged DeWolff Partnership Architects to work with a Town Citizens' Advisory Group dedicated to solving the dilemma of the existing overcrowded library facility. The outcome of this collaborative effort was the proposed construction of a 32,000 square foot library facility.

The planning for the new library addressed issues such as ease of access, parking, emerging information access technology, education, public meeting areas, and the distinct needs of various age groups. Critical to the planning and design of the new library was the desire to keep the library within the Village of Pittsford. To accomplish this, the new Pittsford Community Library building will be built on the site of the previous facility, between State Street and the historic Erie Canal.

The design is an interpretation of traditional building elements typical to the Village of Pittsford including chimneyed-brick gables, divided-lite windows, and sloping roofs. A projected decorative brick gable entry on State Street opening to a linear lobby splits the first floor of the building with the library to the East, and the public meeting/commercial area to the West. This linear lobby connects to another entry on the canal side of the building providing easy access from the parking lots. The first floor library area includes the popular library, periodicals, and the children's library area. The second floor houses the main library collection and reference library. Interspersed throughout both floors are a variety of reading and study areas, meeting rooms, and staff rooms.