



# Weston Art & Innovation Center

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Board of Directors

## New Library space is 100% utilized Weston Media is in a basement

- 11,000 + adults and children attend programs each year
- 4,000 + program sessions each year -\$12,000 program costs paid for by Friends of the Library
- 700 + bookings of community rooms annually
- Cost to build a library addition is prohibitive
- Weston Media is inaccessible limiting opportunities
- 358 original WMC programs in 2014
- 91,000 website views on Weston Media website since 2013





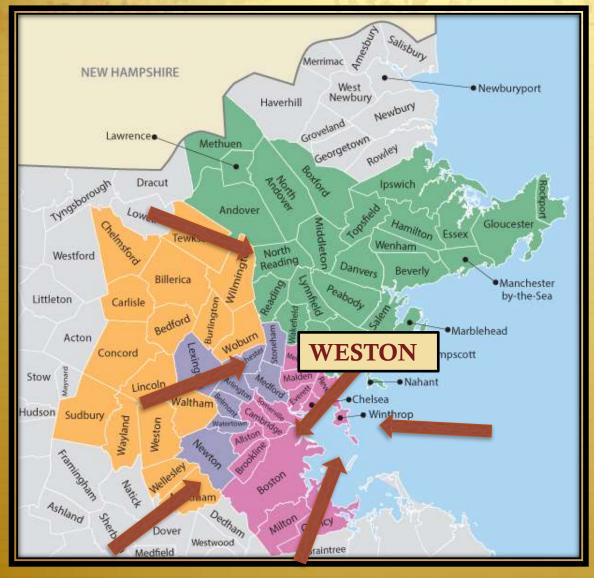
#### **OUR VISION:**

A community asset – a creative, artistic, cultural center for the residents of Weston.

Makerspace - a place for the community to gather with the tools and equipment needed to create, invent, innovate, explore and discover.

A dynamic reuse for the Old Library managed by proven professionals.





Community Art Centers or Makerspaces closest to Weston

Town survey shows
Weston supports a
Community Arts
Center for the Old
Library

Neighboring Arts Centers & Makerspaces are being created to serve local constituencies

Let's not be left behind

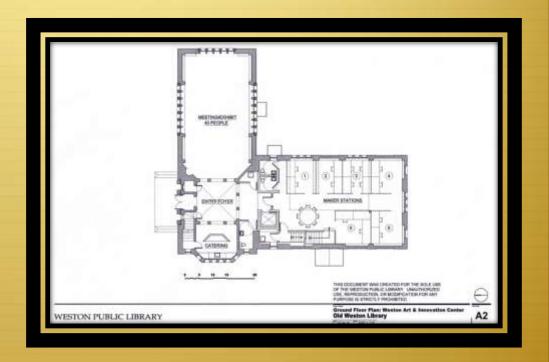
- Revenue-generating proposal
- Fees charged for classes, materials and for rental of reading room
- All revenue used to support cost of operations
- Aided by grants, donations and fundraising
- Weston Public Library
   Trustees have pledged
   \$100,000 in seed money
- Weston Media Directors have pledged up to \$90,000 (given by Comcast & Verizon) for capital expenses
- Reading Room available to host art openings, recitals, private functions



Weston Art & Innovation Center
A beacon for learning and
community once again.

### Why this use is best for the Old Library site & the building

- Preserves all interior & exterior architectural features. Keeps recent million dollar restoration intact.
- All ADA and Code requirements will be met.
- Inside, lowest impact to the building no additions, no dormers, or reframing roof.
- Least construction cost of all options.
- Result is a stand-alone, unique and beautiful art & community space
- Parking & septic are all handled on site and without any truck delivery issues



#### First Floor Plan



The Right People The Right Place The Right Time



Open these doors to the future