

**SHERBORN LIBRARY: DISABILITY ACCESS**  
**WARRANT ARTICLE #8, line 1 - April 24**  
**BALLOT QUESTION # 1 - May 8**

The Board of Trustees of the Sherborn Library asks you to support Warrant Article #8, Line 1, and Ballot Question #1, an amount not to exceed \$52,000, to remodel a first-floor public restroom and install an automatic door opener to allow access by individuals with disabilities.

***Why do this?***

The Library is *not* in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and thus not accessible to handicapped persons. This non-compliance means the Library is not serving all the residents of Sherborn and is a legal liability for the town.

***Will these changes make the building ADA-compliant?***

No. This warrant article does not address all of the ADA issues, nor any of the safety or structural code compliance that is required of the town. However, it is a step toward that compliance and shows good faith and provides access to the building for all residents of the town. These proposed changes have been reviewed with the Disability Access Committee in a joint meeting with the Massachusetts Office of Disabilities and have been stated as acceptable as we move forward toward meeting all the needs of the building.

***How is the Library working to improve compliance?***

Over the last year, a number of changes have been made toward accommodation. These include:

- All Library programs are held now on the main floor.
- All art exhibits at the Library are now displayed on the main floor.
- The handicapped parking space on the Sanger St. side of the building has been moved to allow a van-accessible spot.

The Disability Access Committee, Massachusetts Office of Disabilities, the Advisory Committee, Capital Budget and Selectmen all support this next step toward making our library available to **all of** our residents.

**Please vote YES on this warrant and on Ballot Question #1**

**Please also save June 2 on your calendar for the 40th Annual Friends of the Library Arts & Crafts Fair on the Library Lawn**