

Temporary Space Recommendations

Timeline

- *Nov/Dec 2023: Move to temporary locations*
- *June/July 2025: Move to **new** library*



Have been working collaboratively with the Town, School Administration, School Committee, COA Board, Benton Board and most recently with Benton neighbors

- ✓ Primary service hub at the Beech Street center; focus on adults, computers, materials and reference services
- ✓ Staff offices and books at Chenery
- ✓ Recommendation to primarily house Children's services at the Benton

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Key Considerations for Plan: ***Service to the Community, MBLC Requirements, Location***

Recommendation for Benton:

- Use as a lending and reading library for Children.*
- Limit on site programming to 5 hours per week*; will require pre-registration to limit in person attendees
- Majority of Children's programs to be held in alternate locations
- Offer a blend of hours to service all ages: preschool and school age. Evening hours in line with current Benton offerings to accommodate working families*
- Small selection of Adult books and the ability to pick up Adult holds at the Benton
- 2 – 3 computers for patron use

*= Hours and use are in line with historical building use including Benton Friends

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Recommendation for Benton:

- 39 hours per week, 6 days a week (avg 6.5 per day)
- Establish a working group with members of the Benton Board, neighbors, Town and Library staff, and Library Trustees to facilitate ongoing communication, collaboration, and to address any needs that may arise during the temporary location time period
- Work with the neighbors to determine if any traffic and parking management measures are needed

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- Blend of hours: Morning, Afternoon, Evening and Weekend
- Initial proposal was for 53 hours. Reduced hours and days of service (no Sunday hours) in response to neighbor feedback
- Aligned hours where possible with current hours
- Assessed potential parking volumes (5 – 8 cars per hour)
- In combination with programs offered at other locations, Board of Library Trustees can accept a 39 hour model

	Recommended Hours	Current BPL Hours	Current Benton Hours
Monday	9-12, 2 - 5	9-9	Closed
Tuesday	9-12, 2 - 5	9-9	10-1
Wednesday	10 - 1, 3-7:30	9-9	2-7
Thursday	10 - 1, 3-7:30	11-9	2-7
Friday	9-12, 2-5	9-5	10-1, 5-8*
Saturday	9-3	9-5	2-5*
Sunday	Closed	1-5	Closed
	39	66	16 - 19 hours

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Benton Crosswalks

Write a description for your map.

Legend

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