

GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Renovation to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act

Our library is the heart of our community – where children discover reading, adults pursue lifelong learning, and neighbors find connection. But today, not everyone can get through the door.

OBJECTIVES

Built in 1972, our library is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This means:

- No accessible entrance – patrons with mobility challenges cannot enter independently
- Uneven sidewalks creating fall hazards
- Handicapped parking spaces located far from the building entrance
- Inadequate electrical infrastructure with extension cords that may not meet OSHA standards

ADA compliance is a federal requirement. Failing to meet it puts the library and the Town at legal and financial risk.

THE PLAN

This renovation will:

- Create a fully accessible entrance and approach to the building
- Repair and level sidewalks
- Relocate accessible parking close to the entrance
- Modernize electrical systems to meet current safety standards

The goal: Full ADA compliance by 2027, as outlined in the Town Plan approved by the Selectboard on January 6, 2025.

AT A GLANCE

- **ADA Compliance by 2027**
- **Accessible entrance**
- **Leveled sidewalks**
- **Relocated accessible parking**
- **Updated electrical systems**

WHERE THINGS STAND

A Revitalization Committee – including two Selectboard members, two Library Trustees, two community members, and the Library Director – is meeting monthly with an engineer and architect to develop a solid renovation plan.

The Town is exploring a bond vote, with a possible public vote in August or November 2025.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Reach out to a library trustee or Selectboard member.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Every resident, regardless of ability, deserves equal access to knowledge and community. A renovated library will attract more patrons, strengthen our community hub, and open doors to additional grant funding for future programs.