

The Library Planning Committee is charged by the Town Council with preparing a 25-year plan for services and facilities for the Thomas Memorial Library, and we have been busy for the last several months. We've met with folks in the school department and community services for their insights and to consider efficiencies in shared services. We've been inspired by our visits to nearby community libraries. We've talked to the Library Trustees about programming and services. And, later this month, we're meeting with Erik Kramer, the Town's technology guru, as well as with the newly appointed Town Center Committee.

Our most important and exciting undertaking, however, is to meet with the citizens of Cape Elizabeth to discuss their vision of what our Town Library needs to be, and that opportunity is almost upon us! On August 29th, our Committee will be hosting a public input session from 6:30-8 pm in the CEHS cafeteria. To bring citizens up to speed, we'll give a very brief overview of the work to date, but our focus that night will be on you, the residents of Cape Elizabeth! We need to hear your ideas about library services and facilities. Tell us what you like, what you want to see more of, and what you envision a library doing and being in the future. What have we missed? What haven't we thought about? This is your library in your town, and this is your opportunity to be heard.

As always, there's plenty of information on the Town and TML websites. If you'd like to contact us, we'd like to hear from you! See you at the August 29th meeting, or you can drop us a line at [libraryplanning@thomas.lib.me.us](mailto:libraryplanning@thomas.lib.me.us).