Our library in Weston is in an historic and well-situated building--over 200 years old, a library for over 100 years--but lacks space: no bathroom or running water, very little space for programming, no storage, no work area for staff, limited space for resources.

The library board is currently working on a strategic plan, and the town, on behalf of the library, has recently been gifted with a small parcel of land that will enable some type of expansion.  The strategic plan will in part give us a blueprint for what kind of expansion the community wants, but funding it in a small town will be a challenge.  Any funding help for infrastructure from the State of Vermont would be extremely valuable; if nothing else, a strong statement about how important public libraries are to democracy and town culture would nurture our momentum.

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