

STEAM AT THE LIBRARY PLANNING TIMELINE

On March 7th, as part of the feasibility study, a brainstorming session was held with community representatives and senior library staff.

At the City STEAM Advisory Committee meeting on March 15th, City Manager Louie DePasquale announced a joint STEAM initiative between the Library and Human Services.

The Library's STEAM initiative was discussed at Trustee and stakeholder meetings, including meetings with STEAM professionals and members of the City's STEAM advisory committee, in March.

The Library prepared and submitted a related LSTA grant (mini-grant) proposal on April 10th to potentially help to fund a part of STEAM at the Library.

In April/May the Library announced three committees that are actively helping with STEAM transitioning: Staff Space Redesign, STEAM Programs, and STEAM Collections.

At the Trustees' meeting held on May 8, 2018, the Trustees:

- Approved the updated Strategic Plan document and timelines for future strategic planning and STEAM at the Library.
- Affirmed that they are supportive of the City Manager's vision for STEAM learning in Cambridge and the Library Director's leadership and vision for the Library's participation in this initiative.
- Approved the proposed plan to shift adult collections in support of making space for the STEAM initiative.

A feasibility study was completed on May 22nd and the City Manager's Office approved funding for the proposed STEAM renovations for the Main Library.

On June 4th, an internal STEAM communications site for staff was launched that lists resources to learn about STEAM and provides STEAM updates.

On June 5/6, HKT Architects presented the proposed STEAM renovations to the Main Library Trustees, staff, and stakeholders.

Professional Development for STEAM began on Staff Development Day (June 8) with a panel presentation and will continue.

On June 12th, the Library announced another staff committee, the **STEAM Strategic Launch Task Force**, to design the official launch year of the Library's STEAM initiative. It will plan operations, scheduling, strategic partnerships, professional development opportunities, and key initiatives for STEAM at the Library.

Design and development for improved STEAM spaces began in late June.

STEAM staff will be hired Summer 2018.

The Library hosted a public meeting on the proposed STEAM renovations for the Main Library with the architects on Thursday, July 19 at the Main Library including members of the City STEAM advisory committee.

STEAM website launched July 19th for the public to stay informed about the STEAM at the Library initiative.

The Library continues to meet with STEAM- related industry partners, educators and non-profit organizations throughout this process.

