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addition, renovation, historic preservation

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The original library (1873) on the left is located right up the road from the site of the "shot heard 'round the world" that officially started the Revolutionary War.

The Plan

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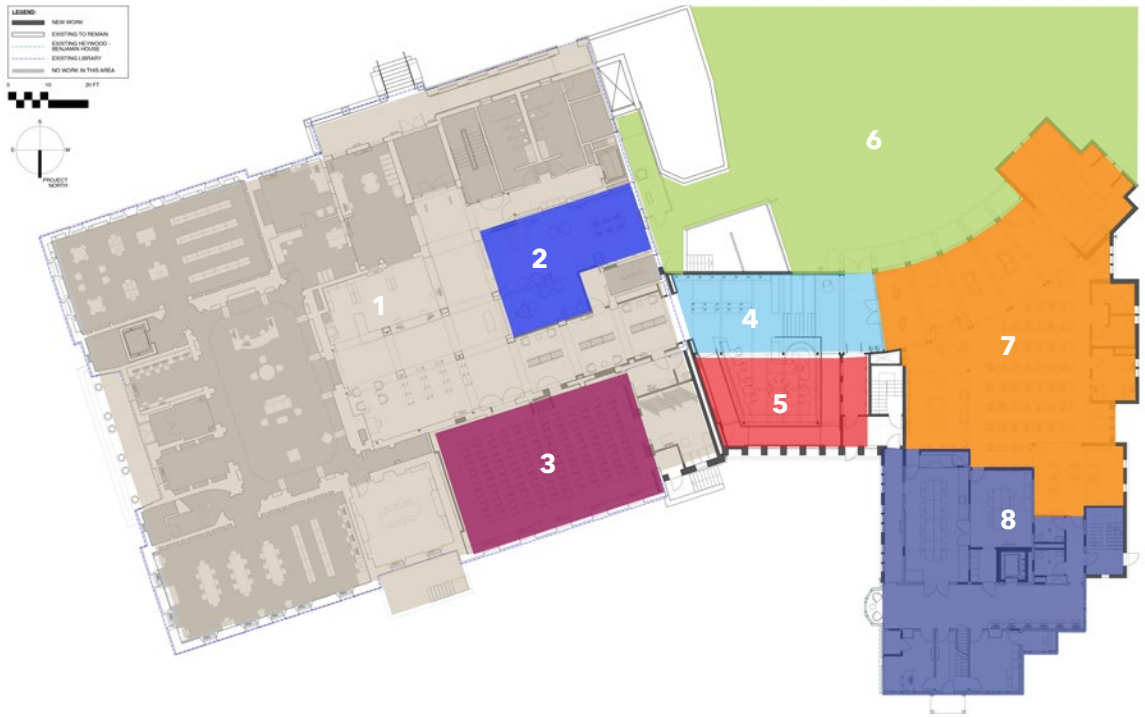

1. The original library (1873)
2. The Teen Room
3. The Goodwin Forum (meeting/event room)
4. Periodicals & Step Seating
5. The Commons (WiFi Café)
6. The Children's Garden
7. The Children's Library
8. The Heywood-Benjamin House (c. 1797)

Rendering of original library, addition and historic house.

The orginal library (far left), the addition (left) and the historic Heywood-Benjamin House (right).

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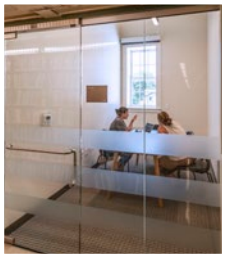
We transformed the previous children's room in original library into the Goodwin Forum — a community space for meetings, presentations and performances. It was named for Doris Kerns Goodwin, who donated her personal collection of over 1,500 presidential biographies to the project, which are now housed in the Forum.

Rooms in the original library that we previously renovated and historically preserved.

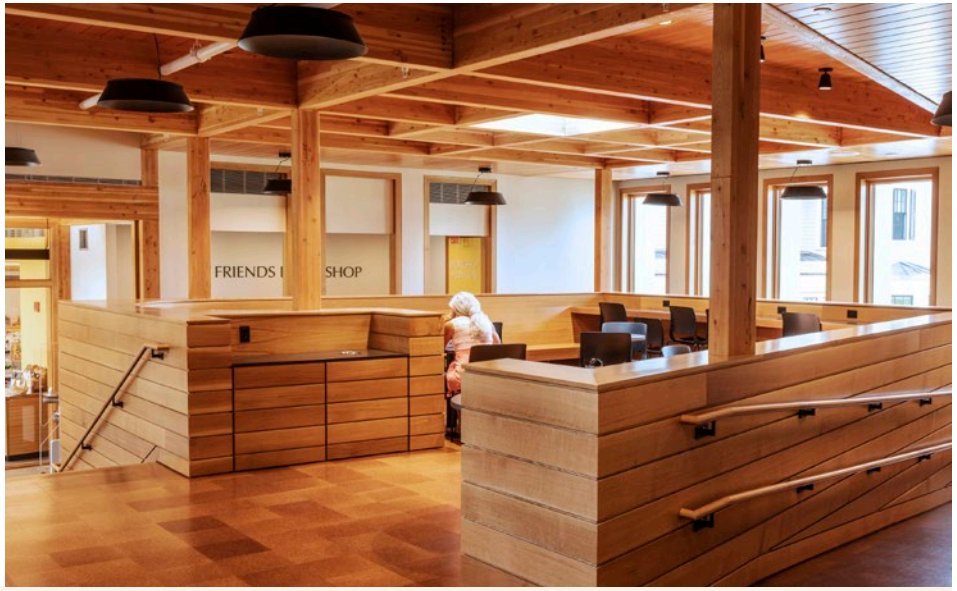
The main entrance to the original library.

The new Teen Room, which includes private study rooms >



Hallway connecting the original library to the new addition.

Periodical section, leading to Children's Library.



The Commons WiFi Café, for eating, meeting, internet browsing or reading.

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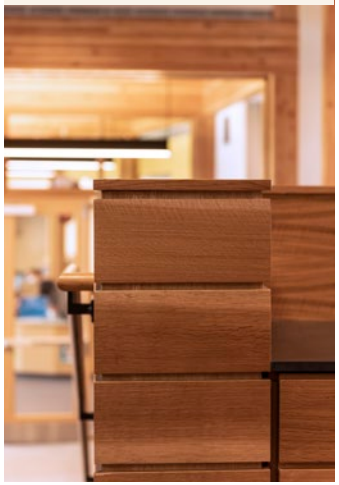
The Friends Book Shop is run by the Friends Group, which raises money for the library by selling donated books on an honor system.

Easily accessible entrance.

The wood structure and windows are Douglas fir. The interior mill work is rift sawn white oak to closely match the vertical grain of the Douglas fir. Both have a clear finish to let the warm wood tone and grain shine through.



Step seating (leading down to the Children's Library).

Accessibility ramp with nice details and view of house.

The Children's Library

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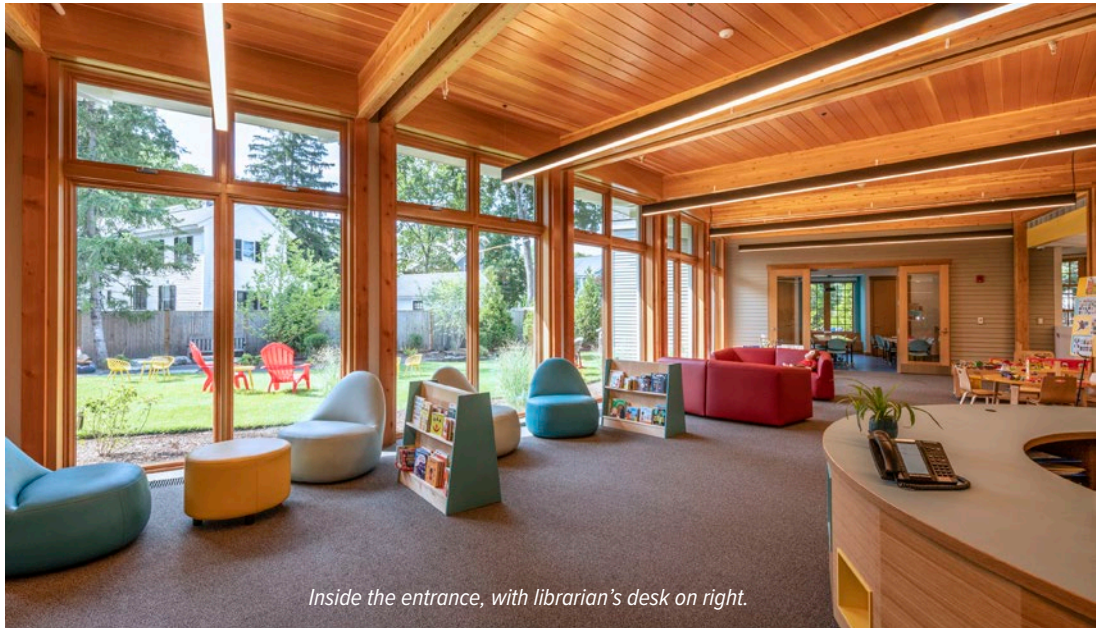
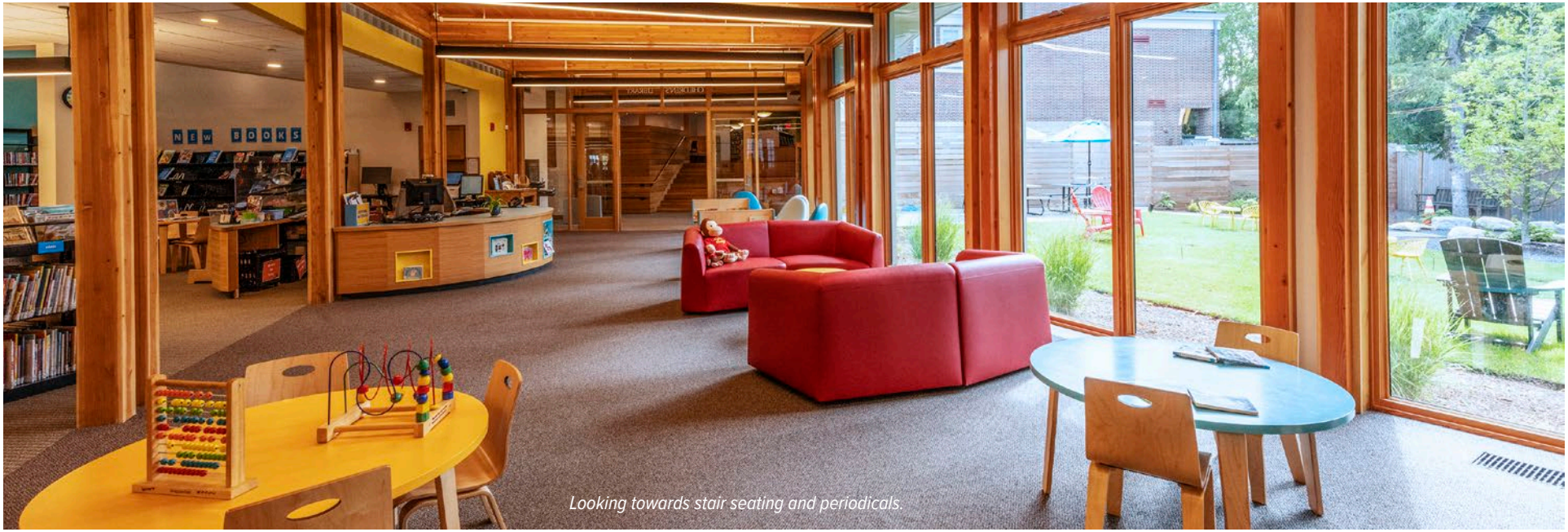
Entrance to the new Children's Library.



Inside the entrance, with librarian's desk on right.



Looking towards stair seating and periodicals.

Children's Activity Room (at the back of the Children's Library).

Graphic Novel, Tween, and New Book section of Children's Library.

Rendering of historic preservation of the Heywood-Benjamin House (c. 1797).

Heywood-Benjamin House after historic preservation and renovation.

Right side of house, with copper downspout.

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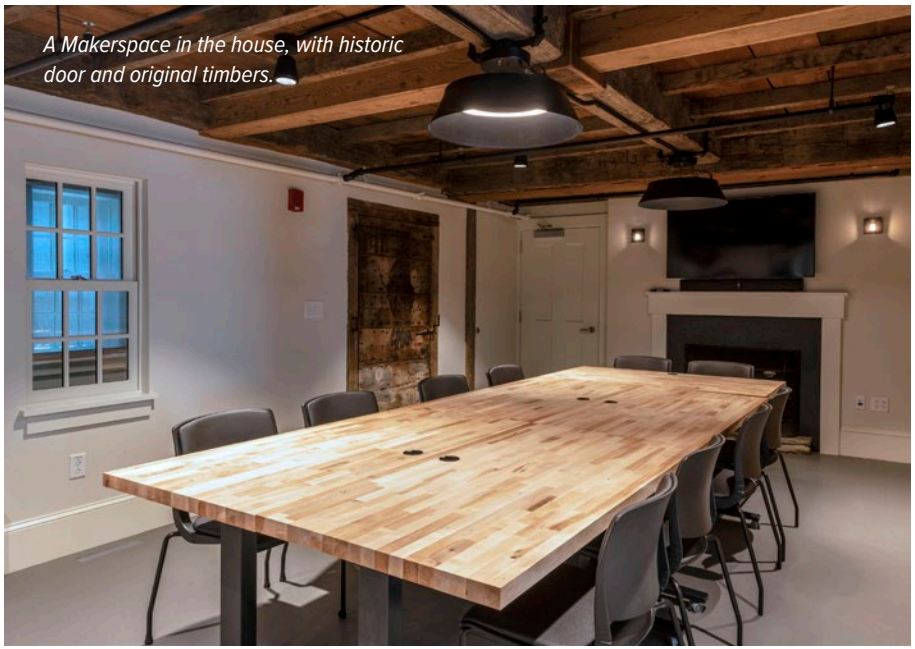
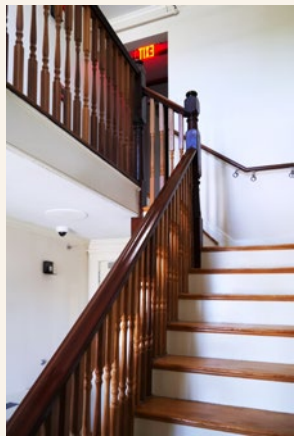
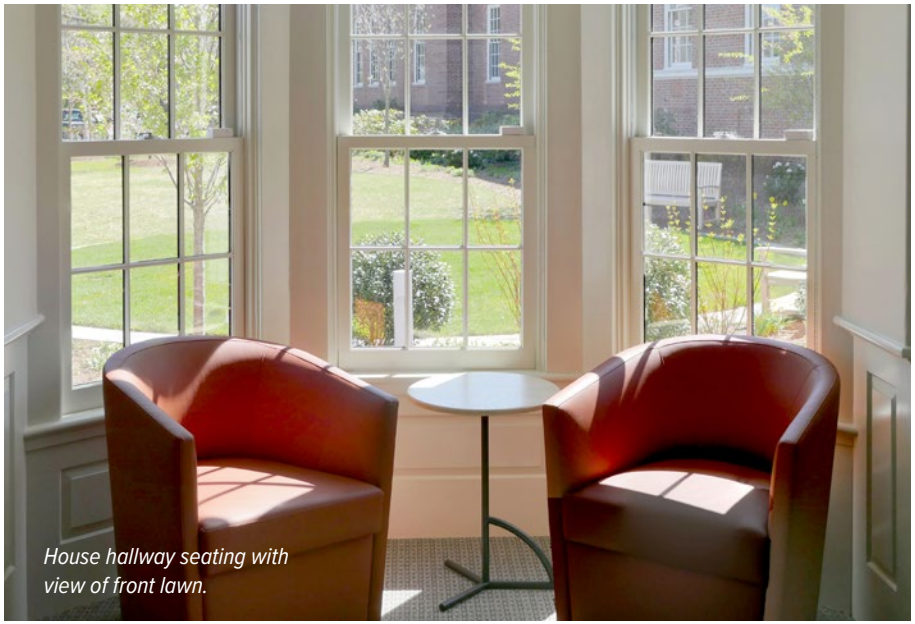


A Makerspace in the house, with historic door and original timbers.

Door dated 1812 from a nearby house included in the Makerspace room.

The house's main stairway.





House hallway seating with view of front lawn.

A historic fireplace, restored with original wood elements.

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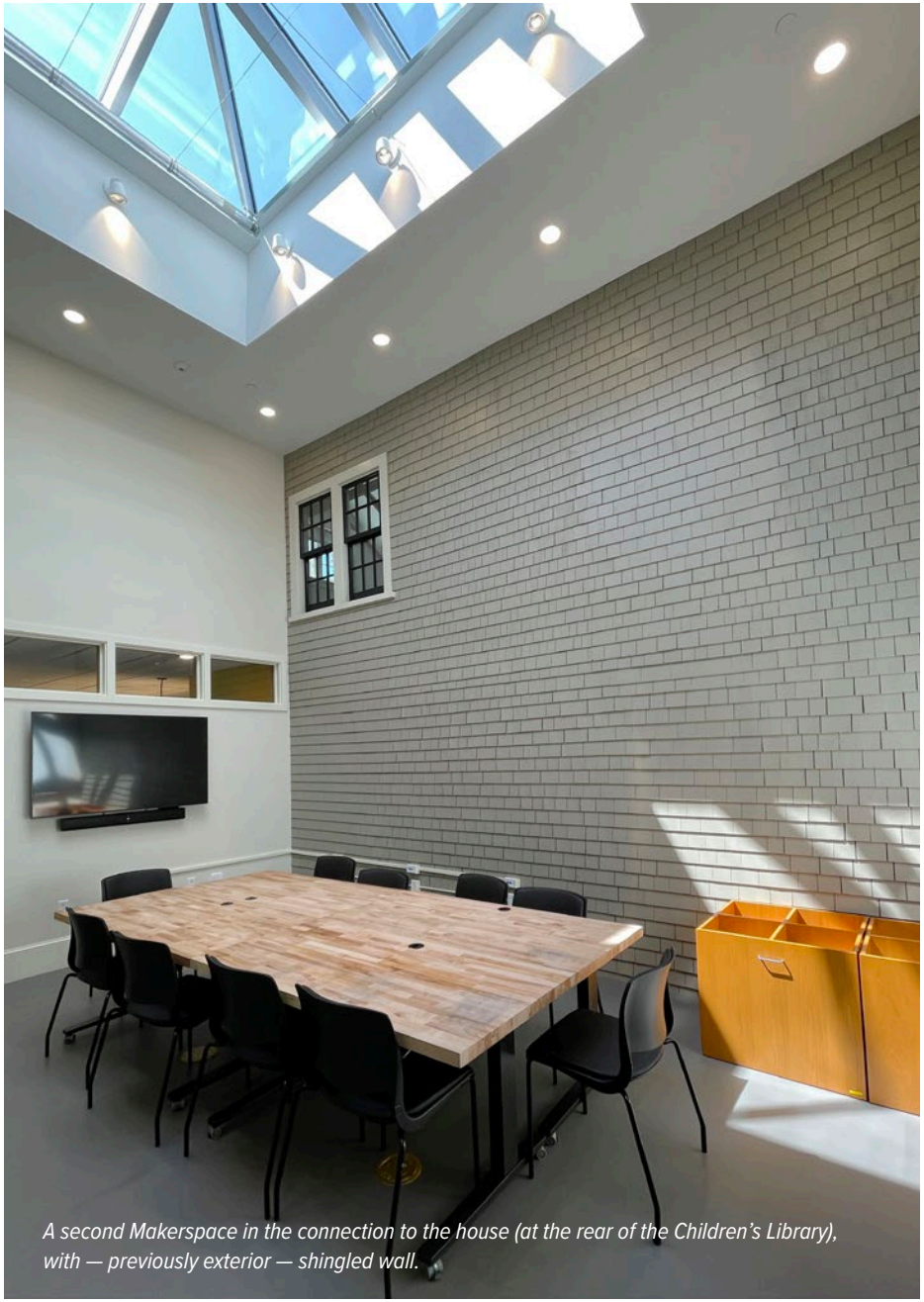
Hallway on second floor of house, leading to meeting room.

Meeting room on the second floor of the house, utilizing original timbers.



A second Makerspace in the connection to the house (at the rear of the Children's Library), with — previously exterior — shingled wall.

Creative/Social Media audio recording booth and video production room (with green screen, not shown).

The Children's Garden

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The Children's Library exterior and the Children's Garden.