

# CONSTRUCTION AND CHAOS

Tips for a Successful Building Project

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Wadsworth  
Library  
Established  
1842







EXIT

SELF CHECKOUT

For your safety  
in Community, this  
fabricated & Weather  
is approved.

QUIKRETE

Debby

# HAVE A VISION

...But there are too many options!

Sarah



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Rendered View of the Second Floor



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Bero Architecture

# HIRER THE BEST FIT

...But it's so expensive!

Debby



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## SERVICES

### Architecture

Preservation  
Planning

Building Evaluation

Interior Design



## ARCHITECTURE

We understand re-imagining a historic or designing a new building to be a cooperative act between the client and the architect. Our process involves exploring various options to identify a holistic solution that best serves the needs of the client and the broader community. We believe thoughtfully adapting our existing built environment is the most effective method to reduce carbon emissions, conserve limited resources, revitalize communities, and celebrate our cultural heritage. When creating new buildings, compatible additions or adapting existing spaces, our designs endure like the historic structures that preceded them.

# TRUST THE EXPERTS

...But do they really know what they're doing?







Neureiter Family  
Children's Room

Programming  
Room

library



# HIRE A "CLERK OF THE WORKS"

...But I want to be hands on!

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YOU CAN  
DO ANYTHING,  
BUT NOT  
EVERYTHING.

-David Allen





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~~AMATEUR~~  
PROFESSIONAL  
VOLUNTEERS

I know you normally get paid to do this, but...







MEMORIAL ART GALLERY  
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER



# ENGAGE LIBRARY STAFF

...But not too much!

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# SHARE YOUR VISION

Shouldn't everyone already understand why we  
need more space?





**FOR THE FUTURE**

## STORY time

"I am thrilled that the original vision for the 1995 library addition will finally be complete! During the last 5-7 years of my time as library director, it became clear that a larger space for the children's area is essential." *Anna Grace, Former Library Director*



In our seven years of having children, the Wadsworth Library has been the single most positive and useful resource to our family. The library has story time and themed events starting for children as young as newborns. Each season they're improving on fun and engaging events such as bubblemania, glow-in-the-dark storytime, Christmas open house with Santa and Mrs. Claus, just to name a few. Geneseo wouldn't be what it is without the support and wonderful resources of Wadsworth Library. *Katie Fish, parent*



We love our library! There is something for everyone to enjoy, from seniors to tots. We value the library for how it feeds and challenges our minds, for the pleasure of finding a new favorite author, for the wonderful enriching children's programs, and for being a place where we bump into friends and make new acquaintances. We look forward to this expansion. *Wendy Pogozelski, parent*

"Having worked for over 32 years at the Wadsworth Library, one of Geneseo's most valuable assets, I highly endorse the library expansion project which will provide much needed space as the library continues to strive to expand its programs and services to the community. I encourage you to give what you can to help make this expansion a reality." *Cindy Costa, Former Library Clerk*



I am excited to see Wadsworth Library build up for the future, as there will be a dedicated space for the youth of Geneseo and the surrounding areas to explore the wonders of the world through literature, song, immersion, play and technology. Adding this dedicated space not only helps our future but also helps with space for the current adult patrons and the fantastic programming that is offered. *Matt Mallaber, parent*



Early childhood years are crucial for the development of the reading and learning skills that later contribute to thoughtful members of society. Beyond the book collection we especially appreciate the range of group activities available to kids. They are enjoyable for the kids, keep them intellectually active even during summer months, and are a key way the library helps build community in Geneseo as children and parents meet and keep in contact with each other over years of participation. The additional space of the coming expansion should make more activities available to more kids, furthering this mission. *Max Yarowsky, parent*

# FUNDING YOUR PROJECT

Visa or MasterCard? Do you take American Express?





LIBRARY ENDOWMENT

NY STATE GRANT

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

# Recognition Tree



# THINGS WILL GO WRONG

...But we were so well prepared!

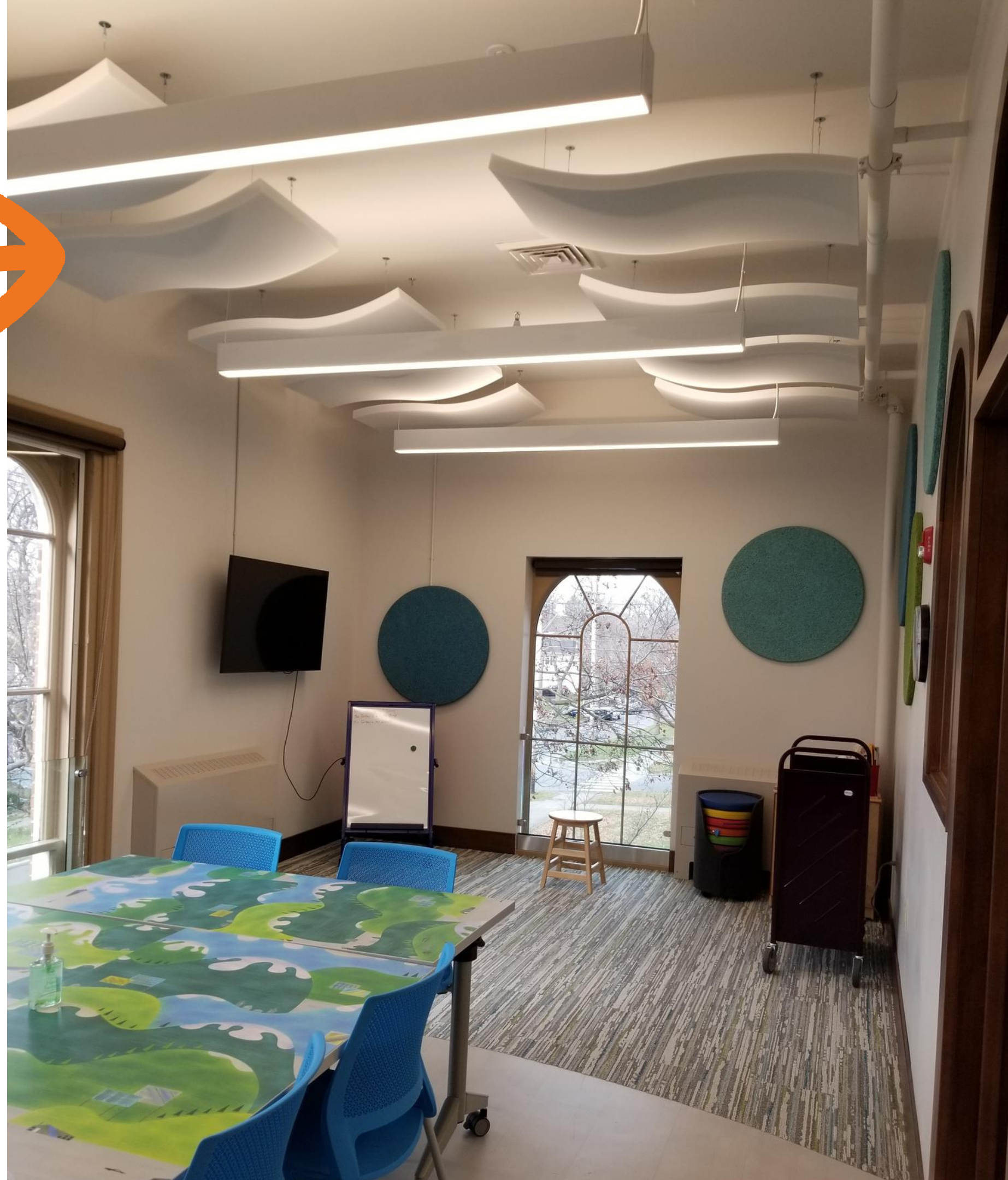














# QUESTIONS?

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