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Community Meeting: Library Addition Vision Forum

Vineyard Haven Public Library has engaged Maryann Thompson, Architects, to design an addition to the library in order to build a multipurpose meeting room. The Tisbury Vision Forum and Library Building Committee will host a community meeting at the library at 6pm on Thursday, January 24th at the library, to gather input through a Wishlist and Character Study process with Maryann and her team.

The Wishlist process will discover what people like and dislike about the current space, and come up with possible ambitions for the addition/renovation. The Character Study will consist of looking at images of projects, spaces and materials to narrow in on how the community would like the new space to look and feel. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Following this community meeting, Maryann Thompson will be working on design concepts that will be presented to the public later this spring. Prior to construction, the library will be undertaking a capital campaign to raise the funds for the proposed addition.

Maryann Thompson, FAIA, was educated at Princeton University and the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, where she received Masters in Architecture and in Landscape Architecture. She brings to her practice an interdisciplinary approach where issues of site and landscape are central to design thinking. Maryann received a 1998 AIA Young Architects Award, which states that "...although Maryann has been in practice for less than a decade, she has made a significant contribution to architecture.

Maryann is a Professor in Practice of Architecture, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design. She has taught design as a visiting faculty member at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rhode Island School of Design, University of Virginia, University of Michigan, and Rice University. She founded Maryann Thompson Architects in 2000. Prior to that Maryann was a founding partner of Thompson and Rose Architects.

The firm is committed to a design process that is collaborative with the client and the community, believing in an inclusive and collaborative design process, based on dialog and relationship building, to imbue their architecture with the essential spirit of the community.

Maryann Thompson has a long time connection to Martha's Vineyard and has a home in Chilmark. Her past projects on Martha's Vineyard include the Polly Hill Arboretum Visitors' Center and a number of private homes.

See also <https://maryannthompson.com/projects>