

Projects by Aaron Cohen Associates, Library Consultants

Project Name & Location:

Westhampton Free Library
Westhampton Beach, NY

Nature of Firm's Responsibility:

Needs Assessment, Building Program,
Space Planning, Architectural Design Support

Located on Long Island, NY, the Westhampton Free Library is one of the oldest libraries in the nation. In 2006, a year that marked the beginning of its second 100 years, the Library made a decision to become not only the first green building in the Hamptons, but also the first Library in New York to earn the highest LEED status, Gold Certification.



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To help in this endeavor, Aaron Cohen Associates (ACA) was engaged to develop a needs assessment and building program for a new library that will ensure that future services and programs are relevant to the growing community. ACA designed a unique environment that supports both traditional collections and e-resources, with an efficient layout that will simplify services and operations.

Adult/Reference desk



In the Village of Westhampton, the Library will be located within walking distance of shops and stores. Thanks in part to an innovative library board, the library program will include self-service operations and RFID tags for all 55,000 volumes.

Westhampton Free Library now is housed in a 14,185 sq.ft. new building. It has seating for 230 patrons and 5,500 LF of collection. Sandpebble Builders, with the help of Aaron Cohen Associates, developed the "green" facility, using the LEED checklist, ACA's program and recommendations.