

**Ames Public Library Pros and Cons for Options A and B  
From staff meetings held July 21 & 22, 2009**

**Option A**

**Option B**

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Landscaping	Relocation	Fresh design	Lack of clarity on the fate of existing library
Meeting room can open onto the plaza	Traffic on 6 <sup>th</sup> and safety for pedestrian crossing	Single parking source	More competition for parking
Better for future expansion	Complex cooperation with neighbors	One move thus lower costs	Lack of landscaping and plaza areas
Better staff distribution	Costs a bit more	Proximity to other city offices	Need for more redefinition of staff duties
Maintains the historical facades	Odd real estates makes the design more complex	Safety of parking	Lacks ground floor civic space and landscaping
Continuity of history	Disrupts service	CyRide hub	Three story
Roof terrace	Requires two moves	Library more visible in the city	Staff and services distributed on three levels
Pedestrian Friendly	Additional cost for rent	Closer to city staff parking area	Loss of parking during construction
Terrace adds to city ambiance	Impact morale of staff	Potential for design dialogue with City Hall	
Less competition for parking	Less energy efficient	Roof terrace	
Accessible for disabled	Function must adapt to existing building	Community pride and sense of investing in the future	
Two story	Potential for unknown "unknowns"	After-hours use of first floor is easier	
Close to Historical Society and Octagon	Lacks synergy with City Hall	Police presence	
Maintains vitality of "East End"	Conditional on Methodist Church expansion	All new construction	
Maintains a civic institution	Requires cooperation with Elks	Minimum disruption of services	
Space for landscaping	Requires purchase of land	New icon of the city	

Option A +	Option A -	Option B+	Option B-
Uses land purchased for library purposes	Book mobile space requires demo of Methodist Annex Building	True urban building	
Parking deck is in scale with the neighborhood		Can support city night life	
		Proximity to city hall and auditorium	
		Design can adapt to public priorities	
		Near underpass on Grand	
		Parking can be switched to opposite side	
		Existing library can be preserved for other civic purpose	
		Potential for highest LEED rating	
		New design	
		No land purchase of change of existing buildings/infrastructure	