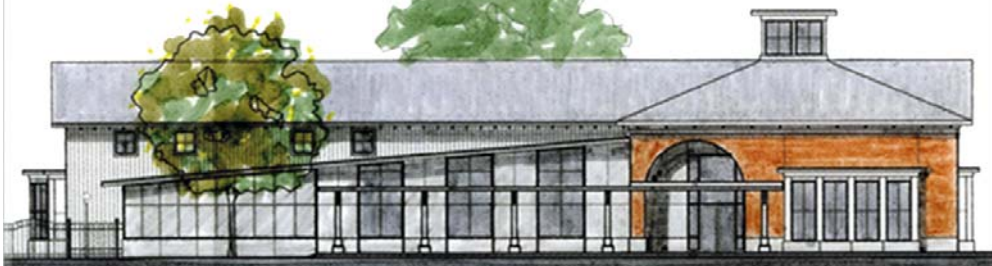


Thoughts on the new Independence Public Library...



"Public Libraries have been, and will continue to be, cornerstones of healthy democratic societies. This was understood by Benjamin Franklin, founder of the first free lending library in Philadelphia. Thomas Jefferson understood the importance of libraries to American society when he offered his personal library of ten thousand volumes to form the beginnings of the Library of Congress. It was understood by Andrew Carnegie and by Bill Gates and by countless other American leaders. Libraries are not luxuries. They are necessities for our future. They are homeland security."

-Gary
Buresh



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