



Pequot Library's Magnificent 125-Year-Old Terra Cotta Roof

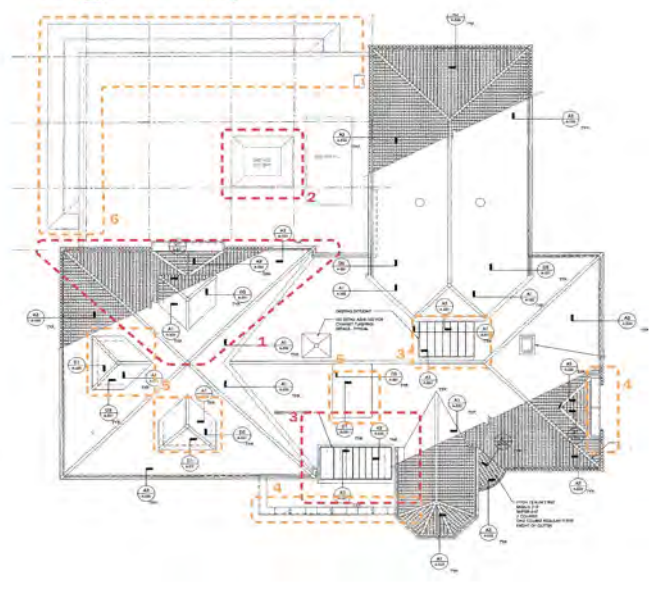
*It constitutes half of the entire building.
And it protects all of the library's treasures.*

Now, it needs all of our help.

Please Help Us Protect Pequot Library's Treasures

Completed in 1894, our iconic roof requires replacement now to prevent further water damage.

Urgent Repairs



A LEADING CONNECTICUT ARCHITECTURE FIRM HAS DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR RESTORATION.



DETAILED ANALYSIS OF COMPLICATED STRUCTURES HAS INSPIRED SOLUTIONS.

During this serious health crisis which affects us all, Pequot Library's most pressing challenge remains protecting its rare and priceless assets: both the collections and the historic structure which houses them.

THE NEED

Covering our Romanesque Revival building, the original 125-year-old roof material — remarkable Ludowici tiles — must be replaced.

Last year, a Needs Assessment Report produced by leading architecture firm Pirie Associates indicated that roof rehabilitation is an urgent priority, to stabilize and preserve the integrity of the structure.

While some temporary and, unfortunately, unsuccessful stop-gap repairs have been attempted over the decades, **the roof still suffers significant leaks in numerous areas of the building.** This time we need to do it right, and allow our beloved library to survive another 125 years.

The roof rehabilitation project is a complicated one which requires highly skilled, experienced craftsmen. The original underlayment, as well as the tile overlay of the roof, must be replaced.

The structure, while harmonious in appearance, is a complicated layout, with four different intersecting roof shapes including dormers, gables, pyramids and chimneys. Gutters and flashing also need replacement to ensure watertight protection.

THE MISSION

The leadership of Pequot Library has committed to initiating this restoration work in Summer 2020.

The funds required for this critical project total \$1.5 million dollars.

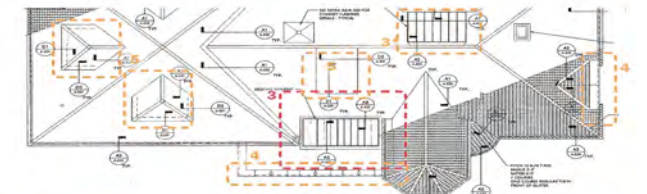
THE GOAL

The Board of Trustees, staff and members of the Campaign Committee are calling for the support of this essential project among residents of Southport and throughout Fairfield County, as well as grant making foundations, local businesses and corporations. Fundraising will continue into early 2021.

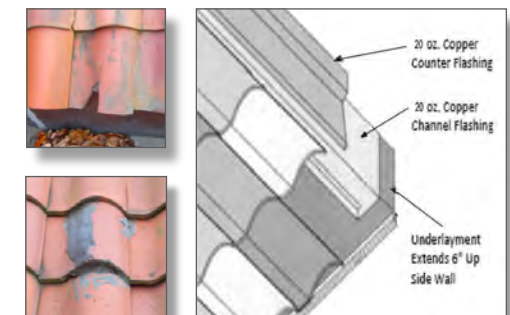
We know that the community needs Pequot Library — perhaps more than ever before — as a place of culture, learning and resources which are, as our founder phrased it, "Free As Air to All."

Please join us in this effort today and donate as generously as you can.

Active Leaks



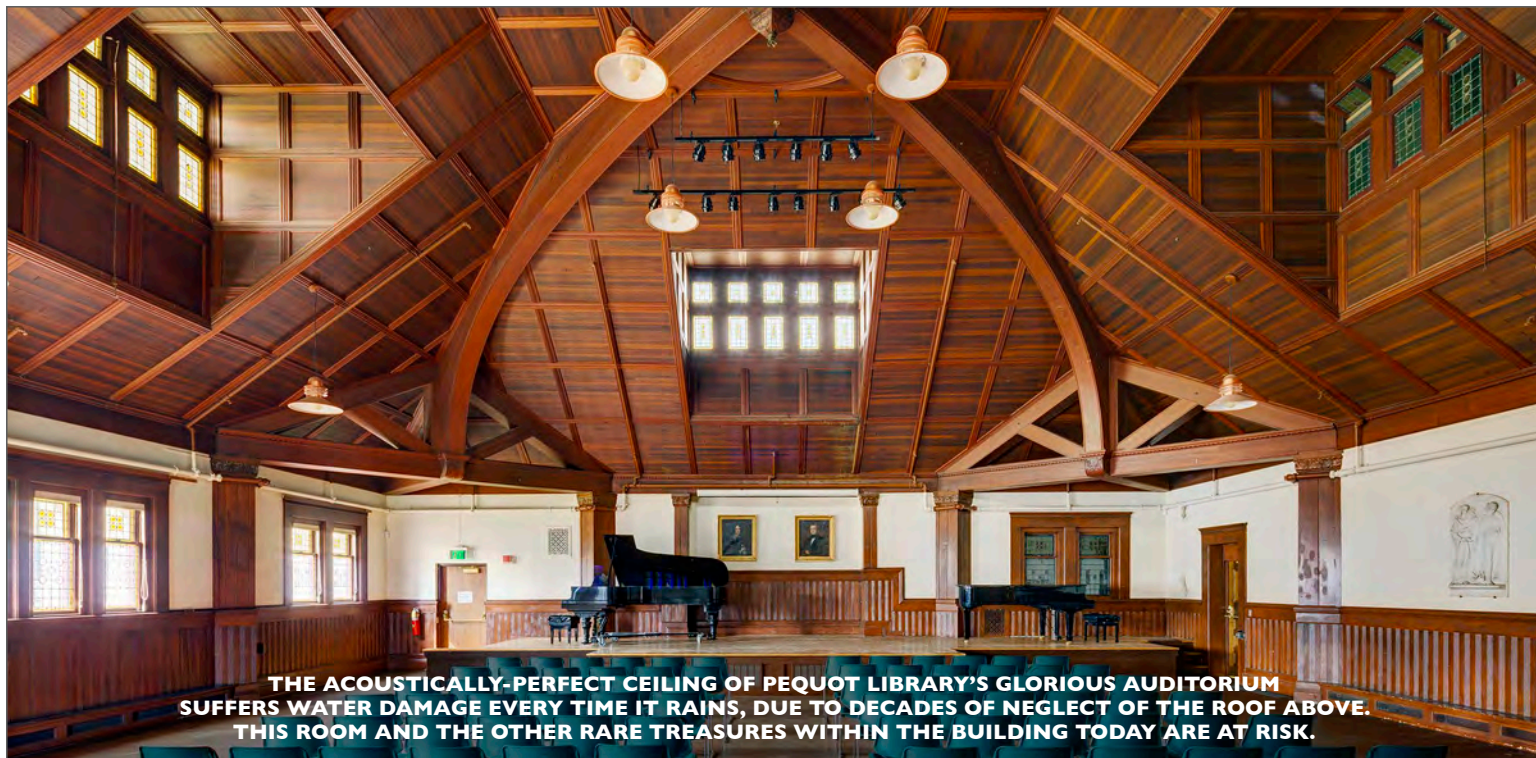
A THOROUGH NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT IDENTIFIED AREAS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.



ORIGINAL TILES MUST BE CAREFULLY REPLACED WITH MATCHING MATERIALS.



PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED FORM TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS ESSENTIAL RESTORATION TODAY. THANK YOU.



THE ACOUSTICALLY-PERFECT CEILING OF PEQUOT LIBRARY'S GLORIOUS AUDITORIUM SUFFERS WATER DAMAGE EVERY TIME IT RAINS, DUE TO DECADES OF NEGLECT OF THE ROOF ABOVE. THIS ROOM AND THE OTHER RARE TREASURES WITHIN THE BUILDING TODAY ARE AT RISK.

Francis Dzikowski/OTTO



*Your generous
contribution
to this vital project
will ensure the safety
of these gems for
generations to come.*



PEQUOT LIBRARY

Pequot Library was founded in 1889 by Southport, Connecticut residents Virginia Marquand Monroe (1837 – 1926) and Elbert B. Monroe (1836 – 1894). The award-winning Library building, designed by noted American architect Robert H. Robertson, opened to the public in March 1894 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

For over seven generations, Pequot Library has been a cultural beacon of Fairfield County, providing traditional library services and diverse programming to our local and regional community. We help children develop a lifelong interest in reading and learning through engaging programs and special activities. Our robust calendar of events includes musical performances, exhibitions, lectures and a wide range of cultural, educational and community events. We integrate our Special Collections of rare books, manuscripts, and archives into our day-to-day services to the community through exhibitions, programs and hands-on classes and workshops.

Pequot Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and our federal tax identification number is 06-0672790.

