

Letter Writing Guide



NBN has collected some of the most important points you can make in your letter.

TALKING POINTS:

- ❖ It was built in 1938 as a Public Works Administration (PWA) project. The PWA was established during the Great Depression as a large-scale public works construction agency to help revive the economy. It provided almost half the funding for the Library, pursuing its frequent mission of keeping private businesses afloat through public-private partnerships.
- ❖ It was designed by the noted architect (and Newtonville resident) E. Donald Robb of the Boston architecture firm Robb & Little ([his amusing obituary is here](#)).
- ❖ The stained glass windows were designed by [Charles Jay Connick](#), a nationally known artist and also a Newton resident.
- ❖ At the building's dedication in 1939, Robert Frost read his poem "Mending Wall" whose opening line Connick engraved in one of the stained-glass windows. [See here for pictures of Frost and one of the windows.](#)
- ❖ The "[Newton Public Buildings Survey](#)", conducted in 2012, recommended the preservation and rehabilitation of the building.
- ❖ The Historic Commission has already designated it as "preferably preserved".

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