



After the Richards Memorial Library renovated the facade of its 103- year-old building, the trustees wanted to update the landscape around the entrance to the library. The Landscape Renovation Committee turned to COG for help with plans for a renewed landscape, a plant list of suitable, low maintenance plant material, and suggestions for the replacement of trees lost to storm and disease.

A COG designer met with the library director to determine the concerns for the library's landscape: safety, lighting, pedestrian cut-throughs, dog use, and maintenance. The designer provided the library with a planting plan, a plant list, and cost estimates. The plantings were installed in the early spring. The *Stewartia pseudocamellia* bloomed soon after to the delight of library patrons and staff.

In undertaking this project, the designer carried on a family tradition of community volunteering. The relationship between the library trustees and the designer was truly symbiotic: the trustees took great pleasure in learning about their landscape, and the self-employed garden designer found that the discipline of getting the job done quickly and efficiently honed her skills to better manage her other projects.

Client: Richards Memorial Library  
North Attleboro, MA

Designer: Lelia Stokes Weinstein  
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Completion: Spring, 1999

