



CHATHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Chatham, Massachusetts 02633



Town of Chatham
Historic Business District Commission



2018 Chatham Preservation Awards



564 Main Street - Eldredge Public Library
Owner: Town of Chatham

The Eldredge Public Library is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1896 with funds donated by Marcellus Eldredge, a Chatham native who prospered in the brewery business in New Hampshire. The building is Romanesque Revival style with red brick laid in Flemish bond. The designer was A.M. Marble of Fall River. It is a very handsome building and an important contributor to the overall appearance of Main Street in Chatham. It was determined that the historic windows needed attention to maintain the integrity of the historic building. The original large windows on the street side were removed from the inside of the library. The windows were unique with rounded corners of the sashes. The restoration included scraping, cleaning, priming and repainting the sashes, cleaning and reglazing the glass, and installing the windows back in place. The restoration has succeeded in preserving the historic windows in this important Chatham landmark.

Contractor: Eastward Companies

Architect: Steven Watchorn, CBI Consulting, Inc.