

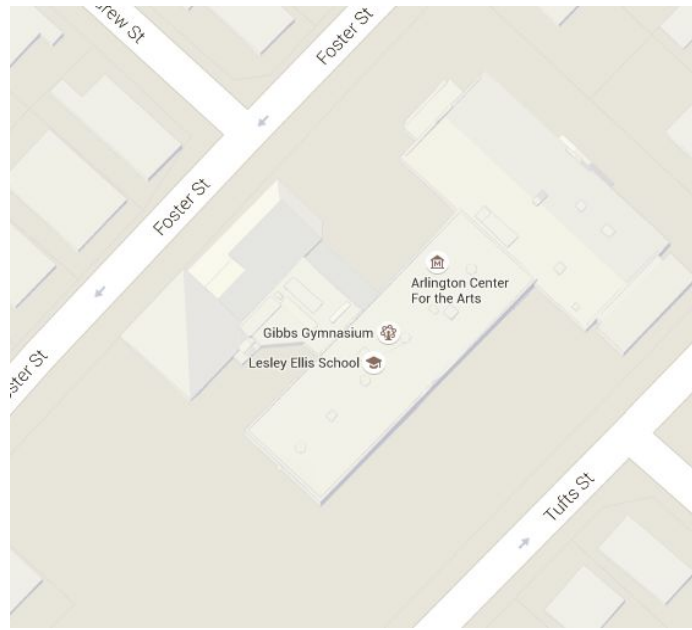
Information Fact Sheet: Gibbs School Building

41 Foster Street, Arlington, MA 02474

The Gibbs building is located between Foster and Tufts streets in East Arlington. The immediate neighborhood consists primarily of residential single-family homes.



Source: Google Maps



Building History

The 87 year old 63,000 square foot brick building was originally constructed as a school in 1928. The building has not been used by the Arlington School district for 27 years. It was last renovated by the town in 1972. The care and operation of the building is under the jurisdiction the Town Manager's Office.

- The current 3 year leases expire on 6/30/17.
- Extending the current leases requires a school committee and town meeting vote.

About the Current Tenants

The current tenants of the Gibbs provide a range of services to adults and children from Arlington and neighboring towns. They are also significant employers in the community. Three out of the four organizations are non-profits. They are all long term tenants in the Gibbs. Over the years, they have invested significantly in building renovations to adapt and maintain the spaces to suit their needs.

Our benefits to Arlington are many:

- Enhanced services for adults and children
- Cultural enrichment
- Employment
- Reliable rental income and annual capital contribution

Community ■ Art ■ Education ■ Human Services

- Responsible tenants

Arlington Center for the Arts (www.acarts.org)

The Arlington Center for the Arts (ACA) is a vibrant community arts center devoted to the mission of "transforming lives and building community through the arts." ACA was established in 1988 by a visionary group of artists, writers, musicians and educators as a place where artists could share their work with the community through educational and outreach programs.

ACA offers opportunities for people of all ages to discover and express their own creativity and to appreciate the creativity of others through a dynamic mix of classes, workshops, exhibits, performances and special events.

Leasing 12,000 square feet since 1989

Staff:

- 4 full time and 2 part time staff
- 2 Summer camp coordinators
- 21 Summer camp teachers
- 32 Semester teachers
- 33 Camp counselors

Children and Adults Served

- Creative Arts Camp for over 1,000 children
- After School Arts Classes for kids and teens
- Counselor in Training Program
- Friday night Teen clubhouse
- Summer Teen Studios
- Arlington Children's Theatre
- LARP Adventure After School Program
- Adult Arts Classes & Workshops
- Studio space for 16 visual artists and musicians
- Gallery featuring 200 local artists per year
- Black Box Theater for concerts and events
- Shakespeare in the Park, Arlington Open Studios
- Partnership with Arlington Public Schools Art Department, providing exhibition and competition opportunities for Arlington elementary, middle and high school students



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Lesley Ellis School (www.lesleyellis.org)

Lesley Ellis School has a rich history of innovation in the study and practice of early childhood and elementary education. Its roots trace back to the founding of the Cambridge School for Girls in 1886 by Arthur Gilman, who also founded Radcliffe College.

Lesley Ellis School's mission is to educate young children (Preschool through Grade 8) in an individualized and engaging environment in which each child's education is approached from the perspective of a developmental framework, and where providing educational opportunities to a wide range of families is a core value. An afterschool program is offered daily until 5:30. Lesley Ellis School is part of the independent, nonprofit organization Schools for Children, Inc.



- Tenant since 1989
- Leasing 21,000 square feet (excluding hallways and common areas)
- Faculty and Staff: 43
- Students: 165; 40% are Arlington residents; 25% receiving financial aid

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Learn to Grow (www.springboardearlychildhood.com)

An early childhood program opened in 1987, creating communities of young learners from infancy through pre-kindergarten and kindergarten in environments that are safe, secure, nurturing and stimulating. Our teachers inspire creativity and joy through play-based activities that instill learning readiness and skills that follow each child for a lifetime.

Learn to Grow embraces the urban setting of Arlington with a diverse community of families and teachers. Learn To Grow is a member of the Springboard Schools and is NAEYC accredited. The program educates children from 12 months – 5 years.



- Tenant since 1989
- Leasing 4000 square feet
- Faculty and Staff: 21
- Children: 100; 95 % Arlington Families, 75% from East Arlington, 10% DCF and State Voucher Families

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The Kelliher Center (www.eliotchs.org)

The Kelliher Center is a Day Service Provider for individuals with developmental disabilities and brain injuries. The Center is program provided by Eliot Community Human Services, a private, non-profit human services organization.

The Center houses four programs: Day Habilitation, Employment Supports, Community Based Day Services and Acquired Brain Injury Day Habilitation.

The Day and Acquired Brain Injury Habilitation Programs at The Kelliher Center offers individualized daily planning responsive to the specific interests and therapy needs of each client. The program provides a full spectrum of medical management and auxiliary therapeutic services. We currently provide day supports to over 60 individuals.

The Employment Supports and Community Based Day programs offer a variety of vocational rehabilitation services, including skills training, job assessment, job placement, and volunteer opportunities. The goal of the program is to assist each client in identifying vocational goals and to support each client in attaining them. Currently we provide a variety of vocational supports to more than 25 individuals.

- Tenant since: 1989
- Staff: 30
- Leasing 15,000 square feet
- Number of individuals served: 80+

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