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Capital Campaign Funding Update

Campaign commitments have now reached \$8,127,295, an extraordinary figure and a testament to our community's generosity and the importance of the project. We have more than 900 unique donors, a number which includes individual, family, business, foundation and government commitments. Highlights from this fall include the \$2 million State & Municipal Facilities (SAM) grant secured by retiring Senator Hugh Farley, a \$250,000 individual commitment and a \$75,000 commitment from the Frank E. Perrella Trust.

Our efforts to bring Tax Credit equity to the project ended last month. Although the Campaign Committee successfully secured both the Historic and New Market Tax credits, aspects of New York State law made monetizing those credits impossible. Fortunately, the grant secured through Senator Farley completely replaces the expected yield from Historic Tax Credits, and Groversville Library Foundation endowment income will replace New Markets Tax Credit equity.

We thank all of our donors for their generosity and confidence in us.

Thank you!

*Retiring
NYS Senator
Hugh T. Farley
was honored
in the fall at
the Library for
securing
\$2 million in
New York State
funding for the
Capital
Campaign*



Photo Provided by *The Daily Gazette*

Projected Timeline:

- December 2016: Project Bidding Process
- January 2017: Finalize Financing and Construction
- February 2017: Move to Temporary Quarters & Begin Construction
- Fall 2018: Grand Re-Opening Celebration



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The Construction Process is Underway – Really!

There are no big pieces of equipment parked at the Library, no men in hardhats everywhere, no big holes in the ground. But the renovation and expansion project has taken several giant steps forward this fall. Perhaps the most significant step was the decision by the Board of Trustees in October to authorize taking the project out to bid.

Following the Board's decision Butler Rowland Mays Architects, LLP completed the final construction documents and along with our project manager, U.W. Marx, finalized the bid package. The project has received approval from the Gloversville Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Review Board and is poised to receive a building permit from the City. We are now awaiting final New York State approval of the bid documents necessary to verify that the plans meet grant guidelines. Then we go out to bid, a four to six week process.

As Director Barbara Madonna is fond of saying, many things have to parallel path the bidding process. The lease for the temporary quarters has been signed but the renovations are in process. A contract with a moving company that specializes in moving libraries has to be signed. Since much of the funding for the project comes from five-year pledges and grants that are paid upon completion of various aspects of the project, the Gloversville Library Foundation Board had to secure a line of credit to cover construction expenses while pledges and grants are fulfilled. We are working with local bankers from NBT to finalize loan terms.

Einstein said that parallel lines do actually meet. When the bids are accepted and the temporary quarters secured and the library's contents moved and the financing lined up, those parallel paths will meet. Trust Einstein.

“Know this — if you love your library, use your library. Support libraries in your words and deeds. If you are fortunate enough to be able to buy your books, and you have your own computer with which to conduct research, and you're not in search of a story hour for your children, then don't forget about the members of your community who are like you but perhaps lack your resources — the ones who love to read, who long to learn, who need a place to go and sit and think. Make sure that in your good fortune you remember to support their quest for a better life. That's what a library promises us, after all: a better life. And that's what libraries have delivered.”

— Ann Patchett,
From *The Public Library A Photographic Essay*,
by Robert Dawson, 2014

We're Moving At Last!

We won't be able to bring the grandeur of our Carnegie Library with us when we move to our temporary quarters, but we will be able to bring each and every member of our great staff. We will bring with us our collection of books, CDs, audio books, magazines and newspapers, and computers – and we will continue to offer inter-library loan. We will still offer our customary programming including story hour, bibliomaniacs, Spanish classes, tech help and adult crafts. We are committed to doing our utmost to keep our library's services in our temporary location.

Finding a location from which to provide quality library services during construction has been a priority of the GPL Board of Trustees. Equally important was finding a central location with adequate parking, room for the collection, and programming and technology space. After a long search, the Library found a space that met all that criteria – the building on Fulton Street that houses the new home of the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth (CRG).

“It is a central location with easy public access and space that will allow us to continue to provide library services,” said Barbara Madonna.

The space does need to be renovated in order to meet the Library's needs. Walls must be moved and carpeting added. Additional infrastructure must be installed in order to accommodate the Library's computer systems. Finally, the books and shelving must be moved - lock, stock, and barrel.

Ron Peters, the CEO of CRG, has been a tireless Library advocate who views the Library as a vital anchor to downtown. “We welcome the Library to our headquarters and look forward to working together as GPL completes its renovation.”

We expect to open the doors to the temporary library, located at 34 West Fulton Street, directly across the street from the Salvation Army Store, in early 2017. When we do, we'll have a party. Be sure to look for the notices in the paper and on our website.

We look forward to seeing you at our temporary location.

“Libraries are so very important and may well be the last hope for the thousands of children who have no books in their homes or anyone to read to them.”

— Gladys Scott



Photo by Paul Clermont

It Takes a Superhero

Photographs marking major accomplishments in the capital campaign generally feature campaign co-chairs Betsy Batchelor and Chris Pesses along with Barbara Madonna.



Chris and Betsy are volunteers who have given countless hours to the capital campaign. Barb too has given countless hours to the capital campaign - all the while managing a full-time job as the Library's director.

The renovations planned for the Library required an intimate knowledge of both the building and its operations, so Barb became the one who worked directly with the architects at each stage of the design, pouring over plans,

attending meetings, conducting walk-throughs. Because she knows library law, Barb became the go-to contact working with the campaign consultant, Matt Blumenfeld, and the lawyers and experts hired to guide us through the maze of tax credits. Because she knows the needs of the Library, she has worked directly with a specialist in technology to insure the Library has planned for the future. She chose the firm to move the Library's contents to and from the temporary quarters - which she found and recommended to the Board of Trustees.

And in her spare time Barb serves as the campaign's lead grant writer. She has brought almost \$2 million to the campaign, \$1 million through the Consolidated Funding Application alone, \$500,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office and \$500,000 from the Empire State Development Fund. She wrote and was awarded five grants from the Division of Library Development totaling almost \$1 million which in addition to donations will fund the new windows, the elevator, the additional parking lot, the HVAC system, and the lower level children's library.

Recently she has been recognized by the New York State Library Association (NYLA) with the Dewey Fellowship Award for her record of accomplishment as a librarian and her involvement in efforts to advance the library community, efforts which include currently serving as the president of the Mohawk Valley Library Association (MVLS). She will be the incoming president of the Leadership and Management section of NYLA.

Barb is a tireless advocate for the Library, the renovation project, and the community. Without her superhuman efforts neither the library nor the campaign would have achieved such success.

Photo from Facebook Page of Sen. Hugh T. Farley

A Call to our Alumni — Honor Your Memories

Less than \$4,000 is needed to hit the 2016 target of \$100,000 set by the Alumni Committee for the Library's Capital Campaign. Over 280 donors who graduated either from Bishop Burke or from one of 41 Groversville High School classes from as far back as 1932 have raised \$96,437. The committee hopes that the spirit of holiday gifting will inspire graduates to help achieve a goal of 300 donors representing 50 classes. "We are excited and grateful to be this close to our goal," said Alumni Committee chair Merry Brown. "That alums from near and far support the Library's renovation project is a testament to the spirit of the Groversville community."

At the end of the 2016 school year, the GHS graduating class contributed an impressive \$1,600 to the Alumni Challenge. At its 20th reunion in July, the class of 1996 entered the Challenge by raising \$550 in donations. Following their 60th reunion in September, 17 additional members of the Class of '56 donated, bringing their class total to \$8,397 and putting them in third place for total class giving - behind the classes of '64 with \$31,906 and '62 with \$9,926. For the highest number of donors, the class of '62 continues to lead, with 61 members having made individual contributions. Currently, nearly every GHS class from the 50s, 60s, and 70s has representation in the Challenge.

To join the Challenge, go to www.groversvillelibrary.org and use the "Donate Now" button or make a check payable to *GPL Capital Campaign*. Specify either Bishop Burke or the appropriate GHS class year on the check's memo line. Mail your check to GPL Capital Campaign, 58 East Fulton Street, Groversville, NY 12078.

Check out our new Facebook page:
GPL Alumni Challenge

Alumni Challenge Progress:

Date	Funds Raised	No. of donors	No. of GHS classes participating
09/2015	\$37,000+	142	15
11/2015	\$41,000+	171	23
02/2016	\$47,000+	190	30
05/2016	\$82,000+	230	36
11/2016	\$96,437+	289	41

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