



The Next Edition

Mynderse Library

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From the President...

Dear Friends:

Mynderse Library has reached several milestones on its journey to a new library. Our Board of Trustees recently hired Chrisanntha Construction Corporation to build our new facility. Known for its excellence in quality construction, Chrisanntha has completed many notable projects including the BonaDent Dental Laboratories in Seneca Falls, and the Ramada Inn Geneva Lakefront in Geneva. The firm plans to begin construction by the end of May and anticipates it will take nine to ten months to build.

The capital campaign has raised nearly \$2.2 million and we are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$3 million. It is with your generosity and commitment to this endeavor that we are able to bring the new library from concept to reality. Although, we have raised nearly enough funds to build the library, it is crucial to reach our goal of \$3 million. These funds will enable us to establish a strong endowment affording us the ability to maintain the new facility and add programs. Since we are more than doubling our size, we are also nearly doubling operating costs. It is our goal to also enhance our services by increasing hours of operation. As we embark on this next chapter in the "Next Edition" campaign, we continue to need your support to help us build a beautiful library with which we can all be proud.

Mynderse Library is one of Seneca Falls many historical landmarks and has served this community for more than 160 years. Just as you enjoyed the library as a child, we want to provide your grandchildren and great-grandchildren the same opportunity for years to come.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.

Sam Dickieson
President, Board of Trustees

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Save The Date!

Witness history in the making on Friday, May 24 at 11 a.m., when Senator Michael Nozzolio, joined by other community dignitaries, officially breaks ground for the new library. This event will take place at the site of the new library on the corner of Cayuga Street and Beryl Avenue. Light refreshments will be served.

Don't forget to mark your calendars!



Mynderse Library Welcomes Jennifer Sawyer

Mynderse Library welcomes Jennifer Sawyer as the new director of development. She will assist the Board of Trustees with fund raising and public relations activities.

Jennifer and her husband, Mark, recently moved to Seneca County from Laramie, Wyoming. In Wyoming, Jennifer served as public relations coordinator for Iverson Memorial Hospital Foundation where she assisted with the Foundation's capital campaign to build a new cancer center. She assisted with coordinating fund raising special events, public relations, and marketing activities. Her husband is a planner and works for Tompkins County.

Next time you are in the library's neighborhood, stop in and say "hello" to Jennifer.

For The Children *Features in the new library*



Books play an important role in children's lives. They inspire imagination, generate creativity and are a crucial educational tool.

Mynderse Library recognizes it can play a part in this developmental process. In the new library, an entire section is dedicated to children. It features a stage for children's programs and "kid-sized" book shelves making it easier to browse. Reading and looking at books will also be more fun sitting on the "kid-sized" furniture.

"It is our goal in the new library to initiate more children's programs that will cater to all ages from preschool to young adults," said Mike Caraher, library director. "We want the library to be a place where children enjoy coming to learn and enjoy what books can offer."



According to Mike, the library plans to eventually have programs that cater to young adults, as well, including computer workshops where they can learn about different software programs.

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