



Dear Neighbor,

As I write this letter, the library is alive with students meeting with tutors, kids playing learning games on iPads, people playing chess, friends respectfully debating current affairs, children exploring STEM science via "marshmallow engineering", patrons borrowing materials (including fishing poles and cake pans!), people getting assistance with technology, community members of all ages enjoying the library's ukulele program, individuals accessing our public computers and wireless connectivity, and all under the caring guidance of our dedicated staff.

As many of you noted in the library's Community Conversations, the library is more than just a repository for books, but also a vibrant community center. The time has come to renovate and renew our building to match the level of lively activity inside it.

We are excitedly nearing the start of this work as guided by you, our community, via our public meetings. The work of the Master Plan is broken into phases. Phase One adds a small reading room to the library which will alternate as both program space and quiet space as needed, while Phase Two replaces our high ceiling with one that is more comely, provides better insulation and absorbs sound. We will also update the overhead lighting with more energy efficient options. If the library were to combine these could be a savings of both cost and time but in order to accomplish this, we will need to raise approximately \$51,285 dollars within the next three months, so we appeal to you for aid again this year in the hopes of nearing our goal.

To date, we have secured nearly \$130,000 through grants from the Division of Library Development (with thanks to the Honorable Senator George Amedore and Assemblymember Kevin Cahill), Ulster Savings Bank Charitable Foundation and the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation and have fund-raised approximately another \$45,000. However, there is more work to do.

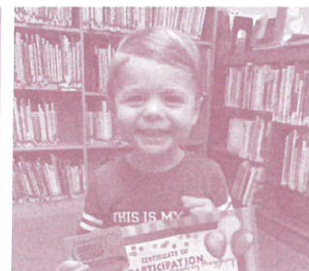
If you would like to participate personally in our fundraising campaign, your contribution would be most welcome. There are a number of ways to show your support for the project including making a financial contribution via cash or a check made out to the Town of Ulster Public Library. There are also totebags and magnets for sale at the library, with proceeds going toward this project. Included with this letter is a pledge card with suggested tiers of giving. We appreciate all donations; no donation is too small.

We look forward to including you in the next chapter of this great community story. Please feel free to call Tracy at the library (845-338-7881) with any questions. We invite all Town residents and library users to visit us in the library, and see all that it has to offer.

With Kind Regards,

Anne A. Davis

Anne Davis, Board President





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Thank you for supporting our local library.

The staff and trustees of the Town of Ulster Library appreciate donations of any size, large or small! In addition, it will be our honor to display in the library the names of these donors:

- Benefactors (\$1000 or more) Supporters (\$500 or more) Local Business (\$275)
 Patrons (\$100 or more) I wish to contribute this amount \$ _____

Name _____ Check # _____ *(make checks payable to Town of Ulster Library)*

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