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SEWARD ANNOUNCES LIBRARY FUNDING

Grant to help renovate historic Weller Library

MOHAWK, 02/11/10 - Joined by library board members and local community leaders, Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced that the 2009-2010 state budget includes, at his request, an \$8,000 senate grant toward building improvements at the Weller Library.

“Our libraries are vital to our communities, especially in these tough economic times,” said Senator Seward. **“In our rural areas, libraries truly are community centers serving as the hub for countless activities. The senate funding will help ensure that the Weller Library will continue to be a valuable resource for the residents of Mohawk and surrounding communities.”**

The grant funding will allow the Weller Library to make needed improvements to the reading room which is utilized by patrons young and old alike.

“Traditional book lending still accounts for a high volume of traffic, but more and more people are visiting libraries to access the internet to search for jobs, refresh their resumes, even research their family trees,” added Seward.

“Senator Seward is a great supporter of libraries and understands their importance to the entire community,” said Ed View, Jr., president of the Weller Library board. “I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Senator Seward for his tireless efforts on our behalf.”

“The historic Weller Library provides an enduring connection to the past and a promising gateway to the future. I am proud to help this wonderful community resource advance its mission,” concluded Seward.