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Senator Farley Announces Local Libraries Awarded Construction Aid

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As a longtime library advocate and Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries, State Senator Hugh T. Farley (R, C, I - Schenectady) is pleased to announce six libraries in his 49th Senatorial District were recently awarded public library construction funds that will allow them to improve their facilities.

"Libraries are a place of lifelong learning that are available to everyone," Senator Farley "These funds will help improve the buildings that house vital information and allow organizations so keep up with the demands of their users – whether it is installing climate control systems to books do not deteriorate, improving entrances for people with disabilities, or increasing space due to growing demands."

The grant funds are from \$14 million in capital funds that were approved by the State Legislature in the 2013 State Budget for construction and renovation of public libraries and public library systems in New York State.

Senator Farley's district includes all of Fulton and Hamilton Counties, and portions of Herkimer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties. Awardees in Senator Farley's district include:

- * Gloversville Public Library, Fulton County, was awarded \$36,012 for parking lot expansion project and upgrades to provide greater patron accessibility to library programs and services.
- * Town of Inlet Public Library, Hamilton County, was awarded \$25,819 for expanding library space for computer users, an improved circulation area, and a new high efficiency boiler.
- * Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library, Hamilton County, was awarded \$138,005 for construction projects that includes a new roof, improving walls and windows.
- * Old Forge Library, Herkimer County, was awarded \$29, 551 for increasing the available square footage of both the Children's Room and the staff work area by approximately 53 percent.
- * Galway Public Library, Saratoga County, was awarded \$77,625 to purchase vacant land for a new library building so the organization can expand collections, programs, and meeting spaces.
- * Schenectady County Library, was awarded \$136,924 for improvements to the HVAC, electrical and sprinkler systems, as well as plumbing.