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## Senator Valesky Announces Construction Grant Awards to Libraries

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SYRACUSE, NY – Senator David J. Valesky (D-Oneida) announced that seven libraries in Madison and Onondaga counties have been awarded public library construction grant funds. The capital funds, provided for in the 2013 State Budget, will enable the libraries to start or complete various projects that will improve operations, safety and energy efficiency.

“Libraries across my district report increased patronage as services expand to include technology, community programs and community meeting spaces,” Senator Valesky said.

“Building upgrades and repairs are an ongoing need, and I am pleased to have supported this grant funding to help these libraries continue to provide essential services in safe and efficient environments.”

Libraries receiving grants in Madison County are:

- Hamilton Public Library--\$28,201--The project addresses safety, historic preservation, safeguarding structural integrity, and provision for equitable access.
- New Woodstock Free Library--\$5,852--The project will replace the floor to improve safety and reduce trip hazards and risk of infection from mold, fleas and germs.

- Oneida Library--\$63,421--Phase two site work project which is the second step in the construction of a new library building.
- Sullivan Free Library--\$4,400--Restoration of original columns and woodwork on library building.

In Onondaga County:

- Liverpool Public Library--\$7,368--This project adds four cameras in three different positions to an existing surveillance system to provide additional coverage.
- Northern Onondaga Public Library, Cicero--\$114,525--Replacement of HVAC equipment at the main branch in Cicero.
- Onondaga County Public Library, Salina St.--\$315,266--Construct new three-stop elevator in the Central Library as part of an overall project to redesign and reconfigure the library.

Senator Valesky has been a longtime supporter of libraries, and serves as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries.