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## A Boost For Books: Ritchie Secures Over \$100,000 For Local Libraries

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In an effort to help strengthen libraries across Central and Northern New York, State Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing that she has secured \$112,000 in special state funding that will enhance their services for patrons.

Funds secured by Senator Ritchie will help libraries across the region make upgrades to their facilities and expand offerings for patrons.

“Offering everything from the latest bestsellers to activities that bring people of all ages together, the libraries throughout our region play a very important role when it comes to educating and enriching local communities,” said Senator Ritchie, who serves as Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries. “It is my hope that through this funding, our area libraries will be able to offer patrons even more opportunities to learn, grow and be part of their community.”

“For so many people, libraries are the gateway to learning, culture and expanded horizons,” said Steve Bolton, Director of the North Country Library System. “Year after year, Senator Ritchie has recognized that. We cannot thank her enough for her support of our local libraries and look forward to seeing how this funding helps them to improve the services they provide to patrons.”

“Often times, it can be hard for libraries—especially smaller libraries—to keep up with demand,” said John Hammond, Director of the Northern New York Library Network. “This much needed funding will allow our local libraries to move forward with buying books, upgrading technology, making building improvements and more. We are grateful for Senator Ritchie’s support, which not only will enrich our local libraries, but also the lives of those who utilize them.”

Libraries receiving funding from Senator Ritchie include:

### **Jefferson County**

*Carthage Free Library- \$5,000*

*Hawn Memorial Library- \$2,000*

*Depauville Free Library- \$2,000*

*Bodman Memorial Library- \$5,000*

*Dexter Free Library- \$ 5,000*

*Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library- \$2,500*

*Town of Orleans Public Library- \$2,000*

*North Country Library System- \$5,000*

*Cape Vincent Community Library- \$2,000*

*Evans Mills Public Library- \$2,000*

*Flower Memorial Library- \$4,000*

*Lyme Free Library- \$2,500*

*Macsherry Library- \$2,000*

*Philomathean Free Library - \$2,000*

*Rodman Public Library- \$2,000*

*Theresa Free Library- \$2,000*

*Thousand Island Park Library- \$1,000*

## **Oswego County**

*Central Square Library- \$4,000*

*Mexico Public Library- \$9,000*

*Oswego Public Library- \$2,500*

*Hannibal Free Library- \$2,500*

*Parish Public Library- \$2,000*

*Pulaski Public Library- \$2,000*

*Williamstown Library- \$2,000*

*Phoenix Public Library- \$2,000*

*Fulton Public Library- \$2,500*

*Cogswell Free Library- \$2,000*

### **St. Lawrence County**

*Ogdensburg Public Library- \$5,000*

*Heuvelton Free Library- \$2,000*

*Hammond Free Library- \$2,000*

*Hepburn Library of Hermon- \$2,000*

*Hepburn Library of Lisbon- \$2,000*

*Hepburn Library of Madrid- \$2,000*

*Hepburn Library of Waddington- \$2,000*

*Morristown Public Library- \$2,000*

*Reading Room Association of Gouverneur- \$2,000*

*Richville Free Library- \$2,000*

*Northern New York Library Network- \$5,000*

*Rensselaer Falls Library \$2,000*

*Hepburn Library of Edwards- \$2,000*

*Morley Branch Library- \$1,500*