

Ritchie: More than \$300,000 Awarded to Local Libraries

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State Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing libraries throughout Central and Northern New York are set to receive more than \$300,000 in public library construction funds to help make upgrades to their facilities.

Grants awarded in Senator Ritchie's district will help local libraries make important upgrades, including those that will increase energy efficiency, improve handicapped accessibility, expand community spaces and more.

"Libraries are critical components of communities throughout the region I represent, providing everything from books and job-searching tools to internet access and cultural events" said Senator Ritchie.

"Even during the pandemic, hardworking staff members at local libraries continued to provide important services and resources to their patrons. I am pleased that several in my district will receive the funding they need to make upgrades and look forward to seeing how they improve the experience for library users."

Funding awards are supported by a \$14 million capital fund appropriation in the 2020/2021 State Budget for construction and renovation of public libraries and library systems in New York State.

Details on the projects in Senator Ritchie's district receiving funding are as follows:

Library	Amount	Project Description
		The Fulton Public Library will expand
Fulton Public	#111.000.00	the community room, increase storage
Library	\$111,902.00	space and improve access to the North
		side lower level emergency exit.
		Madrid Library will update our fire alarm
Hepburn	\$25,358.00	system, install CCTV setup and install a
Library Of		backup generator to run the building
Madrid		during a power outage.
	y Of \$16,125.00	The Library is seeking funding for the
Hepburn		installation of 4-ton high velocity system
Library Of		in the attic with all ducts to the upstairs
Waddington		and 2 ducts to basement.

	¢152.202.00	Parish Public Library's project will
Parish Public		complete the interior work, create new
Library	\$153,302.00	spaces, and add an accessibility lift and
		storm gutters to the addition.