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Griffo announces construction grants for public libraries

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New York State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-I-C-Rome, announced today that several public libraries in his district will be receiving library construction grant funds. The grants come from \$34 million in capital funds that were included in the 2020-21 State Budget for public library construction projects.

Grants awarded to libraries in the 47th Senate District include:

- **Dunham Public Library (76 Main St., Whitesboro):** \$323,625 for the rehabilitation of Dunham House, including a bay window, toilet room, kitchenette, office dividing wall, IT and electrical.
- **Mid York Library System (1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica):** \$19,209 to upgrade security-monitoring system, modify an exterior portion of the building and to purchase and install system broadband network equipment.
- **Utica Public Library (303 Genesee St., Utica):** \$13,190 to upgrade fire detection/alarm system with new smoke detectors, fire alarms and supporting infrastructure.
- **Waterville Public Library (206 White St., Waterville):** \$24,024 to rehabilitate, seal and insulate failed windows in the main library room and install touchless automatic door openers for the main entrance.
- **Hepburn Library of Norfolk (1 Hepburn St., Norfolk):** \$68,789 to repoint stonework on portions of the exterior of the building, upgrade security system and replace upstairs heaters.
- **Lowville Free Library (5387 Dayan St., Lowville):** \$8,784 for the removal and replacement of a damaged boiler and air conditioning condenser with high efficiency models.
- **Norwood Public Library (1 Morton St., Norwood):** \$10,605 to increase energy efficiency and to pursue a greener energy alternative by installing solar panels on the library's roof.

“Our public libraries play a critically important role as centers of learning, culture and civic activity in many communities throughout the region,” **Sen. Griffo said.** “However, it can be difficult to afford the necessary upgrades and renovations that these buildings may need.

This funding will help libraries throughout my district undertake a variety of improvements and projects that will help them to flourish for years to come.”