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## Senator Alesi Welcomes New Mendon Public Library at Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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*The New 7,300-Square-Foot Building Serves as a “Community Living Room” for Library Patrons*

The Town of Mendon Public Library held its Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting ceremony Wednesday, July 20, at the new library, 22 North Main Street in Honeoye Falls. Senator Alesi joined members of the Mendon Town Board and the Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees to officially dedicate the new space. The event, which commemorated the 7,300-square-foot building, reflects years of planning and collaboration. As the representative of Mendon and Honeoye Falls in the New York State Senate, Senator Alesi has been a strong supporter of the Mendon Public Library through the years, from small projects and events to yesterday’s celebration.

“As a longtime library patron myself, I am keenly aware of how valuable the services and resources available at local libraries – like the Mendon Public Library – are to students, professionals, researchers and residents in Mendon and neighboring communities,” Senator Alesi said. “I commend all those involved in the project for their dedication, determination and hard work toward making this new library a reality.”

The grand opening of the new building celebrates the completion of Phase 1 of the Mendon Library project. The added space and shelving allows for the library to display every item in its collection. Phase 2 of the library project includes the renovation of the “old” library at 15 Monroe Street in Honeoye Falls and the addition of a connection hall between the older building and the newly constructed building. This second phase, which is entirely dependent on private support, will not only add square footage for shelving and books, but the space will allow for a community meeting room and more space for library patrons.

Throughout his tenure in the Legislature, Senator Alesi has secured hundreds of thousands of dollars for local library projects and facilities within the 55th Senate District. This year in budget negotiations, Senator Alesi led the fight to save funding for libraries locally and throughout New York State, and is well-known for his continued sponsorship for CLIC-on-Health through the Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC). CLIC-on-Health - a cooperative project of local medical, public, and school librarians and health agencies, under the auspices of RRLC - provides a website that lets users do a "Google like" search to find local health agency information topics and full text articles from the National Library of Medicine.