



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

Grants For Local Library Construction & Renovation Announced

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) announced that a construction grant totaling \$411,099 has been awarded to the West Seneca Public Library. The funds will enable the library to make interior renovations as part of a major expansion project at the Union Road facility.

“Many of our public libraries are in urgent need of renovation or expansion,” Gallivan said. “The West Seneca Library is over 50 years old and is undergoing a much needed expansion. These funds will help support the project and help ensure the library is able to serve

residents well into the future.”

Senator Gallivan also announced that four public libraries in Wyoming County have been awarded more than \$55,000 in public library construction funds. The funds will enable the libraries to improve and upgrade their facilities and are from \$14 million in capital funds for public library construction provided in the 2015 State Budget.

Wyoming County libraries receiving funds include:

- Cordelia A. Greene Library in Castile; \$8,438 for roof replacement.
- Town of Gainesville Public Library; \$13,344 to install new HVAC, switch from electric to natural gas & upgrade to LED lighting.
- Warsaw Public Library; \$9,383 to replace/retrofit lighting equipment with energy efficient system.
- Wyoming Free Circulating Library Association; \$24,125 to install energy efficient lighting and HVAC system, construct a new circulation desk & technology space, and create an ADA compliant study, reading and meeting space.

A recent survey showed a documented need for public library construction and renovation projects totaling more than \$2.2 billion. More than 51% of the over 1,000 public library buildings in communities across New York are over 60 years old. Another 33% are more than three decades old.

Project activities and expenditures eligible for grants from the State Aid for Library Construction Program include financing construction of new library buildings, construction of additions to existing buildings, and the renovation and/or rehabilitation of existing space, including roof replacement, purchase and installation of alternative energy resources and new HVAC systems, windows, doors, and lighting systems, electrical upgrades, and

construction of new or replacement of old walkways and parking lots, among other things. Renovations designed to provide accessibility for patrons with disabilities is a high priority.

In the 2016 State Budget, the Legislature provided \$19 million for projects that will be announced in spring 2017.