

Ortt Delivers \$50,000 for Educational Programs throughout Orleans County

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Senator Rob Ortt (R,C,I – North Tonawanda) delivered a total of \$50,000 in state funding to several libraries and museums in Orleans County Wednesday.

The Cobblestone Museum in Albion was awarded \$10,000 to help support its operations as a National Historic Landmark, and educational and cultural programs. The museum offers interactive educational tours that teach about the history of cobblestone masonry in

Western New York.

The Medina Railroad Museum will use a \$10,000 grant to install video equipment as a way to educate the public on the history of the railroad and the positive impact it had on the local economy. Videos depicting the cultural, architectural and local rail heritage will play throughout the museum and on the train.

Orleans County library directors were also presented with ceremonial checks. Lee-Whedon Memorial Library received \$10,000 to upgrade its computer wiring system. Yates Community Library will use \$10,000 toward reading programs and special projects. The Community Free Library in Holley was presented with \$5,000 for marketing efforts, children's programs, and to extend programs for adults, such as Wacky Wednesday. Hoag Library would like to use a \$5,000 grant to purchase bookcases for a special collection of hundreds of donated music books. The "Follett Memorial Music Collection," donated by the Follett family, will be available to community members and students enrolled in music programs at school.