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## Senator Helming Tours Springport Free Library, Union Springs Fire Department

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UNION SPRINGS – With her 11<sup>th</sup> Mobile Office Hours event taking place on Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Springport Free Library in Union Springs, Senator Pam Helming toured the library prior to the event and then visited the Union Springs Fire Department afterward. Joining her on the library tour were Senator Patty Ritchie, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries, Pioneer Library Systems Executive Director Lauren Moore, and Finger Lakes Library System Executive Director Sarah Glogowski. Library Director Carla Jones explained that many people from the community come to the library to use the computers because

they do not have access to broadband internet in their homes. The library also offers a number of programs and services for children and families and sees a significant number of patrons.

At the fire department, Chief Garrett Waldron showed Senator Helming the equipment and vehicles that the volunteer firefighters use to serve and protect local residents, small businesses, and farms. The highlight was the rescue boat the department uses to respond to emergencies on Cayuga Lake.

“When my staff and I host these Mobile Office Hours events, it is important that we connect with our constituents, listen to their concerns about state issues, and try to help however we can. It is equally important that we visit the businesses, institutions, and organizations in the communities where we are holding these events so that we can learn more about the people and places that make up these communities and the issues they face. It was great to have Senator Ritchie join us for the tour of the Springport Free Library to inform her and her committee about the successes and challenges that our rural libraries experience. I also enjoyed visiting the Union Springs Fire Department and seeing all of the advanced technology that our heroic volunteer firefighters use every day to carry out their duties,” Senator Helming said.

*Senator Helming represents the 54<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which consists of Seneca and Wayne Counties, parts of Cayuga and Ontario Counties, and the towns of Lansing and Webster. For more information, please visit Senator Helming’s [website](#), or follow @SenatorHelming on Facebook or Twitter.*

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