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Ritchie: More than \$400,000 Awarded to Local Libraries

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State Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing libraries throughout Central and Northern New York are set to receive more than \$400,000 in public library construction funds to help make upgrades to their facilities.

Funding is part of a \$34 million capital fund appropriation in the 2019/2020 State Budget for construction and renovation of public libraries and library systems in New York State.

Grants awarded in Senator Ritchie's district will help local libraries and the North Country Library System to make important upgrades, including those that will increase energy

efficiency, improve handicapped accessibility, enhance security and more.

“Our local libraries work incredibly hard to offer educational and cultural opportunities in the communities where they exist,” said Senator Ritchie.

“Many libraries—especially in the region I represent—are older structures that are in desperate need of repairs and upgrades. Through these grants, our local libraries will receive the assistance they need to strengthen their facilities and continue to provide the important services patrons depend on.”

Details on the projects in Senator Ritchie’s district receiving funding are as follows:

| Library Name | Amount | Project Description |
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| Canton Free Library | \$24,000.00 | Replace the library ramp to provide access to the library for all patrons including those with physical disabilities. |
| Morley Library (Branch of Canton) | \$28,054.00 | Bring electrical up to code and upgrade the kitchen. |
| Carthage Free Library | \$5,316.00 | Purchase and install "Carthage Free Library" sign at entry of new parking lot. |

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| Hay Memorial Library | \$24,443.00 | Reconstruct the 2nd floor space by demolishing a storage closet to construct a multi-use classroom and kitchen/craft space. |
| Hepburn Library of Madrid | \$16,388.00 | Install a hot water heater and furnace to meet needs and enhance energy efficiency. |
| Heuvelton Free Library | \$9,782.00 | Replace the furnace, installing a central air conditioner, and upgrading all lighting to LED. |
| North Country Library System | \$29,085.00 | Install a security system and re-configure the training room. |
| Ogdensburg Public Library | \$18,375.00 | Installing drainage system and rehabilitating walls affected (using a "water-repellent" or "breathable" coating recommended by SHPO). |

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| Phoenix Public Library | \$38,071.00 | Replace an inoperable, inefficient, and outdated HVAC system. |
| Richville Free Library | \$90,946.00 | Purchase an existing building to convert to a library. Install new carpeting, LED lighting, and data runs. |
| Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library | \$113,468.00 | Replace 12 domed windows in the historic part of the library. |
| Thousand Island Park Library | \$16,073.00 | Install an HVAC mini-split unit, update electrical and add LED lighting. |

