

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR John W. Mannion

Senator Mannion announces \$80,000 to support public libraries in the 50th Senate District

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SYRACUSE, NY – Senator John W. Mannion today announced \$80,000 in state funds to support public libraries in the 50th Senate District.

Senator John W. Mannion (SD-50) said, "Every Central New York community deserves a quality public library and I am thrilled to have secured these funds to bolster our local libraries. These funds will support operational needs and help expand services."

Projects at these libraries will include digitizing collections, increasing online services and computer workstations, and providing resources for small business operations and economic development. Additionally, these funds will be utilized to expand and diversify their community programming and outreach efforts. This will aid in educating the public on the extensive resources available at their libraries and provide even more services for the betterment of our local communities.

Funding will go to the following public libraries:

- Community Library of Dewitt & Jamesville: \$10,000
- East Syracuse Free Library: \$10,000

- Fairmount Community Library: \$10,000
- Fayetteville Free Library: \$10,000
- Manlius Library: \$10,000
- Maxwell Memorial Library: \$10,000
- Minoa Free Library: \$10,000
- Solvay Public Library: \$10,000

Executive Director of Manlius Library Jennifer Milligan said, "We are so deeply grateful to Senator Mannion for the award of these funds. This demonstration of the Senator's ongoing commitment to public libraries supports increased programming, services, and materials for our community."

Executive Director of Solvay Free Library Charles Diede said, "The operational funding provided is very needed in our time of high inflation and increases to our fixed costs - the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville is extremely grateful to be able to receive this money!"

Fairmount Community Library Director Brenda Shea said, "People need libraries now more than ever. In these challenging times, when members of our community are struggling, they reach out to libraries for essential services like internet access, resources and education. This operational funding helps us to provide more services to the greater community. We are so grateful to Senator Mannion for supporting our mission and our work."