

Pawlet Public Library

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Dear Patrons and Friends,

We write to encourage you and all our patrons and friends in Pawlet and West Pawlet to attend the Library's public information meeting on Sunday, February 9, 2-4:00 p.m., to learn more about the proposed Library building improvements for accessibility that will be on the Town Ballot on March 3.

The meeting will begin with a 30-minute presentation by the Library Board of Trustees, explaining the need for accessibility improvements, the options the Trustees considered, and the reasons they support building an enclosed addition with an ADA-compliant hydraulic lift and adjacent stairwell. This addition will make the main floor of the Library and the lower level Matt Waite Room fully accessible year-round. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period.

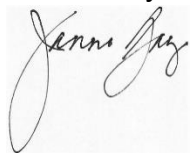
The Library building addition is a significant investment for our community. Last week, the Library hosted an informational meeting for grant funders, organized by the Vermont Community Development Program. Five agencies that provide state, federal and private funding attended and invited the Town to apply for funding in the Spring. We are confident after this meeting that grant funding will cover one-third to one-half of the \$295,000 bond. (Grant application guidelines require that the project be fully approved to be considered, in this case by ballot on March 3.)

We hope you will attend our informational meeting. Following the meeting, the presentation will be available on our website: www.pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com.

We urge you to vote Yes on March 3 in favor of Article I on the Town Ballot to improve our public building, providing year-round community access for all. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janno Gay, Library Board Chair



Sally Cara, Library Board Secretary



Kathryn Lawrence, Library Board Treasurer



Diane Mach, Library Trustee

