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## With Gratitude, from Your Community Library.

To close out what has truly been a memorable year for the Skaneateles Library, two simple words sum it all up: THANK YOU!

We are grateful for your support throughout a year that saw the library return to normalcy and grow following the pandemic.

This was the year we finished many renovations to ensure the longevity of our current building, which were funded largely by grants and private donations. They ranged from fixing chimneys and flashing, to repairing walls and painting, replacing upstairs lighting, all the way to installing a right-sized elevator that blends into our period architecture and makes the second floor accessible for all our patrons. We've had so many positive comments about the projects completed over the past several years.

The year 2022 was one of many firsts for us—from launching our own Instagram account, to adding new resources, preparing and initiating a capital campaign, finishing environmental testing and site pre-work, and (finally) taking ownership of the Fennell Street site purchased from the Town of Skaneateles. Our committees continue to research and plan, with hardworking trustees and community members volunteering their time. We've worked diligently to keep you updated on our progress and are committed to continuing those communications. We also know that it won't seem real to many until they see finalized building designs and a hole in the ground at 75 Fennell Street with construction underway.

Through it all, you've been patient and very supportive, and our library staff has been amazing—when our current digs were messy, and when it took a while to gear up programs and clean things up. While our current spaces (inside and out) are still limited, crowded and not very flexible, with our dedicated staff, we will continue to make the best of what we have to meet your needs as we construct a new building.

And we are thrilled that our downtown landmark is well maintained to provide many more years of value and joy to the community, now, and in its future uses. We appreciate the overwhelmingly positive feedback you've given us on our two-pronged strategy to Preserve the Past and Build for the Future. Thank You!



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