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The Barrow Gallery Entrance

- **Easy Parking** – Ample, accessible parking and a convenient book drop
- **Great for Kids** – An expanded children's area with dedicated, inspiring story time space and indoor-outdoor access
- **Cozy and Relaxing** – A fireplace reading area designed to inspire meaningful community connection, relaxation, and quiet reflection
- **Teen and Remote Work Rooms** – Tutoring space and Wi-Fi-enabled quiet and group study rooms
- **New Library Features** – Large, flexible events space, smart screen–enabled community meeting room, an engaging bookstore featuring local authors, and a café
- **Parents, Kids, and Seniors** – Thoughtfully designed spaces that can accommodate simultaneous programs and services for all ages

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen our community's intellectual and cultural infrastructure. Together, we can build a legacy that will enrich lives in Skaneateles and define the next chapter of our collective story.

BIG PLANS FOR BELOVED SPACES:

A bold new chapter for the Skaneateles Library and the Barrow Gallery

THE SKANEATELES LIBRARY and the Barrow Gallery, two deeply rooted community institutions with shared values and distinct missions, have been connected for more than 100 years. To fully realize their potential and meet the growing needs of our community, it's time for each to flourish independently.

As it undergoes a bold transformation, the Skaneateles Library is creating a dynamic, future-ready space at 75 Fennell Street that will serve as a true cornerstone of community life. At the same time, the Barrow Gallery is growing and plans to expand within its historic home on Genesee Street once the library relocates. Together, these visionary projects invest in the cultural heart of our region.

THESE SPACES ARE FOR US!

While much of the development in our area focuses on commercial growth, these projects invest in something equally vital: the intellectual, social, and cultural infrastructure that enriches OUR everyday life. Together, they will create dynamic, accessible spaces that honor our heritage, serve our residents, and inspire visitors—strengthening Skaneateles as a world-class community for lifelong learning and the arts.

How will this transformation happen?

Once the new library is built on Fennell Street, the Barrow Gallery will have the opportunity to expand meaningfully into the historic space the library currently occupies, thanks to a transformative gift from the Elsa Allyn Soderberg Family Fund. This gift supports both the Gallery's expansion and the library's move, ensuring that the Genesee Street building will remain a vibrant public resource.

The new library building design and campaign is also well underway with a generous $1 million gift from the Neumann Family Foundation, as well as over $6 million already committed by numerous families, individuals, and grants. Through public

outreach, private meetings, and events where building designs and plans are being shared, momentum is building. The goal is to break ground in early 2026 with broad community support and a design that reflects the evolving needs of Skaneateles.
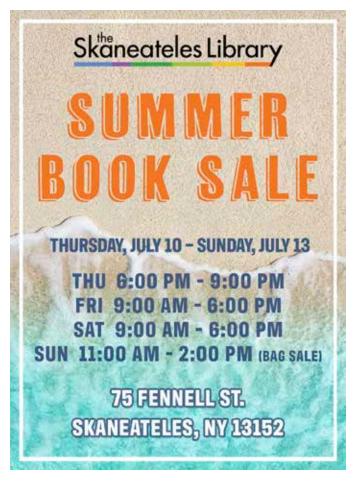
What's in it for you and your family?

You'll enjoy year-round access to two vibrant cultural anchors at the center of community life. We all want to live somewhere that has a central gathering place to play, study, and experience new things—especially during those winter months.

At 49 E. Genesee Street, the Barrow Gallery will grow into more flexible space for exhibits, programming, administrative offices, and art storage. This expanded home will build upon the cultural history and artistic legacy of Skaneateles while making space for new ideas and deeper community engagement.

On Fennell Street, the Skaneateles Library will open in a newly constructed, state-of-the-art facility crafted to support the ways we connect, explore, and learn today, and built to adapt for the needs of generations to come. Here are some highlights: