



A New Chapter for Everyone



Our community has the chance to build a new library, one designed around how Skaneateles learns, gathers, and connects today.



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\$**7M+**
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600+
individual contributors
to the project

Residents will vote **ON MAY 19** to provide the public funding necessary for the project to move forward.

The current library building has served Skaneateles for more than 130 years, and it is something our community values. Our library is thriving—cardholders have increased by 32% over five years, and checkouts are at their highest levels since 2007. At the same time, the historic building cannot fully support today's needs, especially when it comes to accessibility and space for programs.

This project expands what the library can offer, providing full accessibility, new space for the programs our community has asked for, and a building that works better for everyone who walks through the door.

What This New Chapter Makes Possible

The proposed library at 75 Fennell Street was designed with our community's input. Survey feedback shaped decision-making, and the plan reflects what Skaneateles residents asked for.

The new building includes full accessibility, 37 free dedicated parking spaces, a children and family wing, a dedicated teen area, a café, tutoring and study rooms, a community event space, outdoor programming areas, and a quiet reading room.

Study and Meeting Spaces

A conference room and multiple study rooms for tutors, remote workers, and meetings

Welcoming Community Hub

Spaces that can host simultaneous programs and services for all ages

Easy Parking

Ample, accessible parking and a convenient book drop

Great for Kids

An expanded children's area with dedicated story time space and outdoor access

Flexible Event Spaces

A large, flexible events space, an engaging bookstore with unique gifts and used books, and a café

Cozy and Relaxing

A fireplace reading area designed for connection, relaxation, and quiet reflection



The Historic Building Remains a Community Resource

When the library moves to its new home, The Barrow Gallery plans to expand into 49 East Genesee Street. The community gains a new library and keeps the historic building active as a public cultural resource.

Built on Careful Planning and Community Support

The planning for this project has been underway since 2014. Nineteen sites were evaluated over more than two years, and the Fennell Street location aligns with the town's comprehensive plan.

More than \$7 million has already been raised through private donations, New York State grants, foundation contributions, and direct investment from the library itself. This reduces what needs to be financed publicly through a bond, which spreads the remaining cost over time.



The vote takes place **ON MAY 19** alongside the school district election.

We encourage every resident to review the information and plan to participate.

Learn More.

→ Visit ItTakesALibrary.org for detailed information on the proposed building, the planning process, how the project is funded, and what the tax levy increase means for your household.



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the Skaneateles Library

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