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THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES \$411,456 NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT

October 16, 2020--The Ossining Public Library is pleased to announce that the library was awarded a \$411,456 construction grant from the New York State Library. This funding is being used by the library to supplement its geothermal HVAC system by installing a gas-fired boiler and associated heat distribution.

“I am so grateful for this state funding,” says library director Karen LaRocca-Fels, who has made stabilizing the library’s heating system a priority. “This money has allowed us to undertake a major project with the aim of providing the Ossining community with a more reliable facility.” Noting that many use the library as a heating center during the winter months, LaRocca-Fels adds, “We know how many patrons rely on the library for safety and comfort when the weather gets colder, and offering a safe space for our patrons is of paramount importance.”

Matthew Weiss, president of the library’s Board of Trustees, adds “This is part of an ongoing effort to provide our library patrons with a safe and comfortable setting. Our staff has been challenged to provide the best service when harsh weather arrives. Now we can all be confident that heat will be available. We are thankful for the efforts of the New York State Library and these construction funds that have enabled us to complete this project.”

About the Ossining Public Library

The Ossining Public Library is a School District Library chartered by the State of New York to serve all residents of the Ossining School District. As a member of the Westchester Library System, it also provides services to a larger community.

Our Mission:

The Ossining Public Library enriches, connects, and inspires our community.

Our Vision:

The Ossining Public Library will be the community’s center for lifelong learning.