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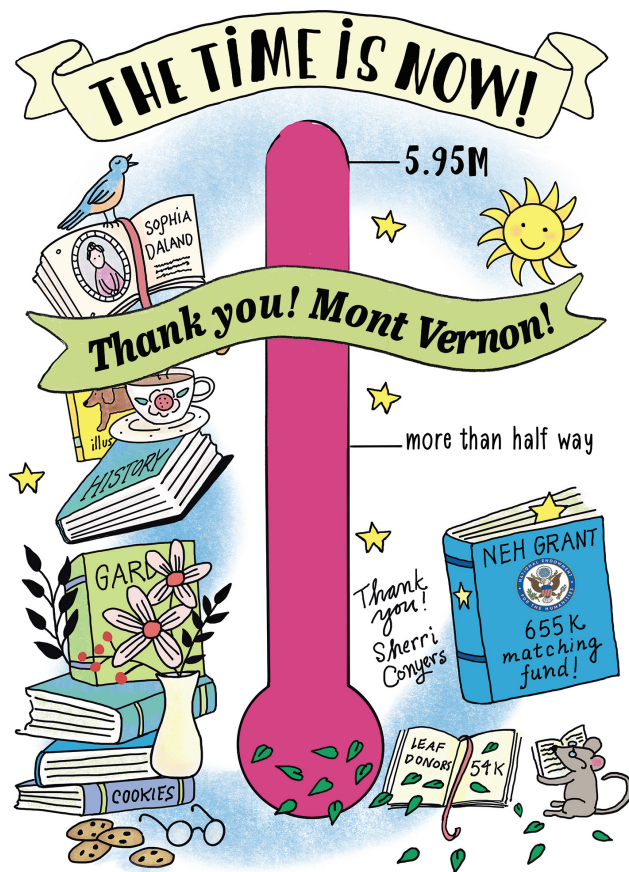
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Hi Everyone!

**Thank you, Mont Vernon.
Thank you, donors!
You made it happen!**

More than 35 years ago, Mont Vernon recognized that we needed a new library to better serve our growing population into the next century. When the land was purchased a few years later there seemed to be momentum, yet the project stalled. It became apparent that despite the ongoing support of the Sophia G. Daland Trust, the project could not succeed if funded solely by taxpayer dollars. Since MVLCF was founded to facilitate a public/private partnership, the project regained steam. Many of you have been with us since our Leaves of Change campaign in 2018, and others joined in as the momentum built. **Thank you all for being part of this amazing journey!**

It was so great to see everyone at Town Meeting. Thank you for being there and for making sure that your family, friends, and neighbors were there too. 358 yes votes did not happen by accident. It happened



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because you made the effort, and I could not be more grateful. They say that it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a village to raise a library!

While the Library Capital Campaign is officially coming to a close, the Foundation is continuing to raise money to support the project. Since Town Meeting, we have submitted four significant grant applications to restore facets of the project that were deferred to reduce the cost to taxpayers, and to increase project reserves to address any issues that may arise during construction.

We are working with the Select Board to assure that the NH Municipal Bond Bank has all the information they need to be confident that the non-tax funding is in place as they consider the Town's bond application. We are also finalizing two steps in the NEH Grant process prior to groundbreaking. With the vote at Town Meeting, the full \$655K grant is now available to us once the gifts are certified and a final site review is approved. Once these wickets are completed, it's on to planning for groundbreaking!

Thank you again for your support throughout this journey!



With gratitude,
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