

Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation

THE MVLCF NEWSLETTER



MAY 2022 ISSUE TWO



MVLCF news

from the desk of the President

Hi Everyone!—We are loving 2022 so far! We appreciate the support of the many residents at Town Meeting who voted to support both another addition to the Library Capital Reserve and to release Capital Reserve funds to finalize the design of the Library for Mont Vernon's Next 100 years. Thank you all! In response to the discussions about the road and the building site at Town Meeting, we are partnering with the Cemetery Trustees and collaborating with the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to assure that we address any remaining concerns this year.

While March was all about Town Meeting, April was a month to celebrate. Not only did winter finally capitulate, but we were also notified that the grant proposal we worked so hard on last summer and fall was successful! On April 13th, the National Endowment for the Humanities announced that Mont Vernon had been awarded an Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant worth up to \$655,000. **The matching grant is one of only three ever awarded in NH and the largest in the state to date.** According to John Cox, Senior Program Officer—NEH Office of Challenge Programs, **“The program is intended to promote fundraising**



for high impact long-lasting initiatives that support humanities efforts nationwide.” The grant provides a 25% match for all non-federal (i.e., private plus town or state) funding raised during the match period, which runs from April 28, 2021, through late 2025. NEH confirmed that the Sherri Conyers bequest is eligible to be matched because we received the funds after April 2021. Funds raised during last year’s #NHGives, #GivingTuesday and Jayson Darula Memorial Golf Tournament also qualify, meaning that we have already qualified for more than \$280,000 in NEH funding.

If it wasn’t already clear to us that this grant is a huge deal, it became clear when we heard that Congresswoman Annie Kuster wanted to meet with us to congratulate the team on the award. We spent nearly an hour with her at the library on April 20th talking about the past, imagining the future, and brainstorming other sources of public funding for the library and other town priorities. We were glad to have John Quinlan with us representing the Board of Selectmen to talk about the vision he has for revitalizing the center of town. Also in attendance were NH State Librarian, Michael York and NH State Administrator of Library Operations, Lori Fisher. They too were delighted to offer their congratulations and their help in making this dream a reality.

So on to May where we will (finally!) be unveiling the formal Library Capital Campaign to fully leverage the NEH grant and to get us over the finish line on meeting our commitment to minimize the project’s tax impact. You are all invited to join us!

You will always find all the details on our website by clicking our logo below. The FAQs tab has a wealth of information.

I hope to see many of you at the library on May 13th!

Sincerely,



Cindy Raspiller

President Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation



SAVE THE DATES

MAY 13: LIBRARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EVENT

Daland Memorial Library
Backyard Tent
6:30pm – 8:30pm

MAY 21: BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

SPRING GALA

Junque Jewels & Plant Sale
Daland Memorial Library
Backyard Tent
9:00am – 2:00pm



P.O. Box 25 Mont Vernon, NH 03057 603.673.7888
Email: mvlcf@mvlcf.org Website: www.mvlcf.org

OPT OUT BY REPLYING WITH THE WORD “UNSUBSCRIBE” IN THE SUBJECT LINE.