

## Your Library Is Going Places

We have a date! The new, enhanced Claverack Free Library and community center is projected to open in November 2019.

Thanks to the generous support of more than 650 of our neighbors, local businesses, and private charitable foundations – as well as construction grants from New York State's Division of Library Development, Economic Development Program, and State and Municipal Facilities Program – we are now within \$175,000 of our fundraising goal of \$2.6 million.

Contractors are hard at work inside and outside the building. With all the components of a 21st-century library and community center coming together – including an energy-efficient HVAC system, copious insulation, natural light optimization, a sophisticated system for advanced technological connectivity, as well as flexible gallery, gathering, programming and performance space – the building will be capable of serving all ages in ways both practical and limited only by our imaginations. A brand-new take on traditional libraries, the new Claverack Free Library will serve as a catalyst in the community by continuing to provide the customary print and digital materials while adding varied

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## Letter from the CFL Board

Dear Claverack Free Library Community!

The final push to move into your new home is on! We're nearly there... our foundation is strong, walls are sheet-rocked, paint is ordered, gardens are designed and your new library is ever closer to opening its doors!

While we're counting down the days until November 2019, we'll be sure to see you at our landmark book sale on Mother's Day weekend, numerous author talks and children's programs, lots of summer time lawn events and our ever popular BookIt run through Churchtown! We know we'll see you in the library taking out your favorite materials.

The board of trustees wishes to thank not only the many individuals, businesses, foundations, and state agencies who have made this more than 10-year dream a reality, but those who have worked to make it happen, especially architect Linda McNutt and Hoosick Valley Contractors. The complete list of donors can be found on the library's website.

We look forward to seeing you in our new home.

*The Claverack Free Library  
Board of Trustees*

and free services that reach well beyond. This library will be a safe and welcoming destination, a place to gather to learn, to create, to grow, and to work toward a greater understanding of our world.

The library's trustees are proud of creating a dynamic community hub that has not incurred debt, nor used local tax dollars to build, all in a repurposed firehouse in the center of the historic hamlet.

To finish the library, give as generously as you are able. Each and every donation is valued and helps to shape this exciting new public community space for many years to come. Some naming opportunities in the building remain for significant gifts. Please contact Jennifer Post, capital campaign chair, at [newbuilding@claveracklibrary.org](mailto:newbuilding@claveracklibrary.org) for more information.

## A Spotlight on Volunteer Chris Kachuba

When a friend suggested I consider volunteering at the Claverack Free Library, I jumped at the chance. I



have been doing this for about four years, and I look forward to going every Thursday morning to process books patrons have ordered. I now have a list of 100 or more books I would like to read someday, and the list grows every week.

When I started volunteering, soon after Thea Schoep became the Director of the Claverack Free Library, I could see that she was intent upon bringing our library into the 21st century, while at the same time trying not to lose its small town charm.

As a teacher in Cairo-Durham High School I saw



*Front row: Maxine Williams, Barbara Ellsworth, Kathy Montross, Oliva Kroll, Maggie Pahola  
Back row: Conor Cantele, Thea Schoep, Chris Kachuba*

how schools are the epicenters of community in rural areas. Claverack is no different and will truly benefit from a library that can house programs and books for everyone. I believe this new library will bring the community together. I know this new facility will be an amazing resource. Whether it be the latest #1 bestseller, computers and programs that offer us up-to-date information at our fingertips, programs for young and old alike, and a much needed community room, the CFL, when it opens in November, will not disappoint. I look forward to the expansion of what we have had for so many years and of options that we weren't able to offer because of limited space. I'm also excited about the children's room and the space for teens. This new library will be modern and (ADA compliant) accessible to those with disabilities and will truly be a space for EVERYONE! I know it will take some time to get used to, but I am truly excited to volunteer in this new space.

### Bricks Are Still Available!

It's not too late to buy your custom-engraved brick at the new library's entrance.

Please order by September 15th.

Forms and details are on our website.

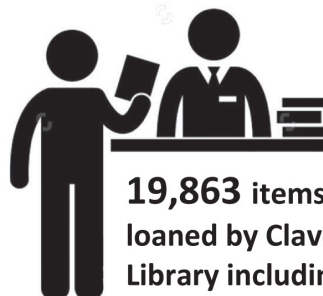




Our computers  
were used by  
library patrons  
over 2,750 times



Claverack Library  
welcomed  
17,023  
visitors last  
year



19,863 items were  
loaned by Claverack  
Library including  
11,689 adult books,  
and 8,174 children's  
books.



1,405 PEOPLE ARE  
Claverack Free Library  
CARDHOLDERS



We answered  
1,950  
reference  
questions

2,776 individuals  
attended  
228 programs  
For all ages and abilities  
at our library.



Library users  
downloaded  
19,273  
ebooks and audio-  
books from  
Overdrive!



Our wireless  
networks  
were accessed  
7,230 times



\*The Claverack Library was fortunate to have 94  
Volunteers who donated over 3,000 hours in 2018.  
\*New! Via our Web Site, Claverack Residents can READ  
the REGISTER STAR with their LIBRARY CARD!

The library is open  
34 hours a week or  
1,768 hours a year!



## Claverack Free Library & Reading Room

Claverack Free Library  
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## Community Programming

The Program Committee is dreaming big. In the new library, programs can be scheduled whenever the library is open (now impossible). We dream about weekly yoga and Tai Chi classes, Mahjong lessons, book groups to suit the taste of every reader, a pod cast club, toddler story hour and grown-up story hour because everyone likes being read to, gardening talks, local history talks, kids crafts, fiber arts, memoir-writing and scrap-booking workshops, oral history projects, a ukulele orchestra, chamber music concerts, movie nights on Fridays. Please give us your ideas in our virtual Program Suggestion Box by writing to [news@claveracklibrary.org](mailto:news@claveracklibrary.org).



## Friends of the Claverack Library

Our fledgling Friends group is forging ahead with lots of plans to celebrate the certainty that our new Library is close! Please support our fund-raiser raffle at the Spring Book Sale, with many thanks to the Farm at Miller's Crossing for once again offering a CSA share as our prize. Next up –we'll mix fund-raising with community gatherings- at food truck Wednesdays, paint and sips, and even a pig roast (with lots of veggies of course)! Funds raised, pay for passes to some of the classiest and most fun-loving museums in the Capital District – check one out and see! Our team needs copies of books and a wee bit of refreshments to prepare for competition too!

Feeling friendly? Your membership in the Friends group helps us finance these programs and more! Brochures and membership forms are located at the Circulation Desk and we encourage you to be a Friend.

### Save the Date:

Celebrate the Light at the New Library, Saturday, June 22, 2019.  
Library tours, festive beverages, small plate buffet and silent auction.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Claverack Library Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM.

*Public Welcome*

## the Claverack Free Library

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*All contributions are tax deductible.*

### HOURS:

Monday: Noon - 8:00PM

Tuesday: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Wednesday: Noon - 8:00PM

Thursday: Noon - 5:00PM

Friday: Noon - 5:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Sunday: Closed