

LIBRARY TALKING POINTS

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY - WE PROVIDE:

- A COMFORTABLE, SAFE PLACE - HEATED IN WINTER AND COOLED IN SUMMER, WHERE PEOPLE WITHOUT THESE BASIC AMENITIES ARE WELCOME WITHOUT HAVING TO PURCHASE ANYTHING
- 12 PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS WITH HIGH SPEED INTERNET
- 8000 SQUARE FOOT HISTORIC BUILDING
- 50,000 FICTION AND NON FICTION BOOKS
- 2672 DIGITAL MOVIES
- 1124 MUSICAL COMPACT DISKS
- 3000 DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO AND EBOOKS
- 500,000 ACADEMIC ARTICLES
- 17 ELECTRONIC DATABASES
- CHILDREN'S HOUR AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
- COMMUNITY LECTURES AND PROGRAMS
- A PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
- LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES
- FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS
- IN-HOUSE AND ONLINE CUSTOMER SUPPORT
- EXHIBITS OF LOCAL ART
- SCANNING, COPYING AND FAXING SERVICES

CHANGES THE LIBRARY BOARD IS MAKING

- LAST YEAR THE LIBRARY ROOF AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS WERE REPLACED
- THE LIGHTING IN THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN UPDATED TO LED
- A LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAM HAS BEGUN AND IS DELIVERING BOOKS TO THOSE WHO CAN NOT GET TO THE LIBRARY
- ALL THE CARPETS IN THE LIBRARY ARE BEING REPLACED
- WE ARE DEDICATING ONE ROOM DOWNSTAIRS FOR MEETINGS, TEACHING, TUTORING, CHILDREN'S CRAFTS AND FOR COMMUNITY USE
- WE ARE OPENING UP SPACES WHERE POSSIBLE TO MAKE THEM MORE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE, LIGHT FILLED, AND WELCOMING
- WE ARE MOVING THE PERIODICALS UPSTAIRS WITH COMFORTABLE SEATING AND A FIREPLACE WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BECOME A COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE

CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING

- OUR REVENUE FUNDING IS UNSTABLE - \$146,000 (42%) OF OUR BUDGET REVENUE COMES FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES, ALL OF WHICH ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DONOR
- THE CITY OF HORNEILL REDUCED OUR FUNDING BY \$10,000 LAST YEAR
- OUR STAFF IS RECEIVING YEARLY MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES. EACH YEARLY MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE ADDS APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 TO OUR ANNUAL PAYROLL
- ALL OF OUR OTHER COSTS ARE ALSO GOING UP - INCLUDING HEATING AND ELECTRIC
- OUR HISTORIC LANDMARK CARNEGIE LIBRARY BUILDING IS COSTLIER TO REPAIR, MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE THAN MORE MODERN STRUCTURES

COMPARISONS TO 17 SIMILAR SIZED PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NEW YORK STATE

HORNEILL PUBLIC LIBRARY RANKS:

- **FIRST** IN NUMBER OF REGISTERED BORROWERS (10,960)
- **FIRST** IN TOTAL NUMBER OF REFERENCE TRANSACTIONS (120,900)
- **FIFTH** IN TOTAL HOLDINGS (69,814)
- **TENTH** IN LIBRARY SQUARE FOOTAGE (8000)
- **TWELVETH** IN TOTAL PAID STAFF (5.5)
- **SEVENTEENTH** IN TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS (\$337,289)

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HELP - TO SERVE PATRONS, DELIVER BOOKS AND LIBRARY MATERIALS, TO SERVE IN WAYS THAT KEEP YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY SERVING HORNEILL. PLEASE VOTE FOR INCREASED LIBRARY FUNDING !