An Exciting New Chapter

The North Conway Public Library is an essential part of our community and offers a welcoming space for all ages to gather, engage, learn, create, explore, and imagine.

Come Imagine With Us!
“The best little library in New Hampshire! A hidden gem!”

Jennifer Layne-Eastman, Patron
EMBARKING ON AN ESSENTIAL TRANSFORMATION
through the generosity of Mr. Lyman Pope

Building on a success story of community involvement, forward thinking, philanthropy, and local pride, the North Conway Public Library building was constructed in 1911 with granite from Whitaker Woods, a gift of James Whitaker, on land donated in 1905 by Dr. James Schouler.

Today, more than 100 years later, it is with enormous gratitude that we accept a most generous gift from Mr. Lyman Pope, a devoted visitor, visionary, and patron of the library, and now our chief donor to the expansion and renovation of the North Conway Library. Mr. Pope’s funding secures our future in becoming a leading library in the North Country.

Mr. Pope is a “Big Man” in the community and the state; a Korean War veteran, advocate of dogs and cats, and provider of animal shelters. He has funded the building or expansion of four animal shelters in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. Now, he is focusing on our library.

“I have been coming to the North Conway Library since the 1950s, recently more often, sometimes several times a week,” said Pope. “The book collection is just excellent and library director Andrea Masters does a wonderful job. Most of the history books are upstairs and stairs are really difficult for me since I had leg surgery in the Korean War. So, I thought something needed to get done; we need to make this wonderful library more accessible. This is how it all started.”

Lyman has been instrumental in the development of plans for the expansion — a strong voice from the very beginning of planning who will continue his involvement through the construction phase. As with the early gifts from Mr. Whitaker and Dr. Schouler, one of the Valley’s own is setting the stage for the future.

We thank our friend, Mr. Lyman Pope, for his vision and courageous advances for the betterment of our community and future of our beloved library...


Libraries are not just book collections. They also have a very important social function. People meet here, they talk about books, they talk to each other.”

Lyman Pope, Benefactor
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW LIBRARY EXPANSION

At our newly expanded library you will be able to:

1. Enjoy browsing in the new stack areas and relax while reading a good book in our two new reading areas.

2. Participate in library programming and community events held in the new, large community room in the lower level, with space for 49 people.

3. Bring your children to the larger, dedicated children’s room to enjoy books, story time, and children’s programming.

4. Attend book clubs, meet up with friends and enjoy programs in the new meeting room upstairs with space for 20 people.

5. Encourage teens to come and explore books in the dedicated teen area, separate from the children’s room, and stay awhile to read in the teen nook.

6. Access all three floors of the library using the new elevator and enjoy comfortable access to the now ADA compliant building.

7. Desktop computers will be available for use on the balcony. Or, bring your own laptop or check out a library laptop for use in the new meeting room.

The North Conway Public Library is a privately funded, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization

The library receives no funds from the Town of Conway, the State of New Hampshire, or the federal government, however, the North Conway Water Precinct voters, at their Annual Budget meeting, voted to raise and appropriate $10,000 for the purpose of supporting programs of the North Conway Library.

Major sources of income, what sustains us, are donations, fundraisers and bequests

The library is free and open to the public!

“A historical little library rich with character and a great selection!”

Lori Steere, Patron
NORTH CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY
Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.

1887 - A meeting of interested individuals was held to discuss the founding of a public library. Forty people formed the (unincorporated) North Conway Library Association. Its purpose was to provide public library facilities to North Conway and the surrounding communities.


1905 - Dr. James Schouler donates the land where the library remains today. The library was formally incorporated.

1911 - The main building of the library was erected using granite donated by James Whitaker from the quarry in North Conway’s Whitaker Woods. The building was a gift from James Schouler in memory of his late wife Emily Fuller Schouler. Schouler gave the library the oil portrait of his wife Emily, to be “hung directly over the fire place in the front room... with her name inscribed or appended.”

TODAY - The North Conway Public Library remains a privately funded, free public library open to everyone in Mt. Washington Valley. It is governed by a Board of Directors elected on a staggering basis and representing various aspects of the library community.

“When I was 7 years old Friday night was Library Night. As a family we would head to the North Conway Library and pick our books for the week.”

A. Neill Osgood, President, Board of Directors
FROM OUR EARLIEST BEGINNINGS WE HAVE GROWN and take pride in what we have accomplished.

MISSION STATEMENT
Our mission is to provide stimulating books, resources and services that educate, inspire and entertain people of all ages and backgrounds. The library provides a sense of community by nurturing the love of reading and by the sharing of information and ideas in a welcoming and safe environment.

VISION STATEMENT
The North Conway Library will be recognized as a vibrant, inclusive community hub that will be a center for discovery and enjoyment. It will create a welcoming environment that will meet the informational, cultural, and recreational needs and interests of its users. It will offer inviting spaces to stimulate curiosity and connection; provide a wide range of books, other materials, and technological resources to inform and inspire; and offer enriching programs for children and adults.

The Library’s main goal is to enrich individual lives and the Mount Washington Valley community as a whole.

DID YOU KNOW?
The North Conway Public Library has:

• more than 70% of current New York Times Bestsellers
• 100% of the current major, award-winning movies
• free WiFi (unsecured hotspot)
• an extensive history and genealogy collection
• a book and DVD collection that grows each week
• tablets and e-readers to check out
• downloadable eBooks and audiobooks
• an online catalog available 24/7
• public computers to use
• books on CD, board games and puzzles
• exciting fundraising events throughout the year
• free library cards for local residents

“My North Conway Library card is one of my prized possessions.”

Noreen Brennan, Patron
LIBRARY CONCEPT SKETCHES
Main Street and parking lot elevations

MAIN STREET ELEVATION

PARKING LOT ELEVATION
### LIBRARY CONCEPT FLOOR PLAN

**Square footage**

North Conway Public Library

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This building is just perfect. It’s a beautiful historic building, right in downtown North Conway, which is very important, too. Children can walk here!”

*Lyman Pope, Benefactor*
LIBRARY CONCEPT FLOOR PLAN

Basement level

EXISTING BASEMENT 1176 SF
EXISTING BASEMENT 565 SF
BASEMENT 817 SF
TEL/DATA 22 SF
MEETING ROOM 735 SF (49 OCCUPANTS 1SSF/DCC)
ELECTRICAL 71 SF
STORAGE 27 SF
ELEVATOR
MACH. ROOM 50 SF
STAIR 2

ADULT/YOUNG ADULT SPACE
CHILD SPACE
CIRCULATION
PUBLIC SPACE
STAFF SPACE
SUPPORT SPACE

NORTH CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

7/25/2018
EXISTING DOOR TO REMAIN, BUT BE CLOSED & LOCKED FROM OUTSIDE, EGRESS ONLY.
NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Be an important part of the future of our library

Leave a lasting legacy in honor of yourself, your family or the memory of a loved one with a gift to the North Conway Public Library.

Join Mr. Pope and share your gift today!

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

• Gifts from $100,000 & Above •
  Naming of Community Room, Lower Level
  Naming of Gardens, Front and Back

• Gifts from $50,000 to $100,000 •
  *Reserved – Naming of Children's Room
  Naming of Lobby
  Naming of Elevator

• Gifts from $20,000 to $50,000 •
  *Reserved – Naming of Conference Room, 2nd Floor
  Naming of Large Print Room
  Naming of Smaller Reading Room

• Gifts from $10,000 to $20,000 •
  Naming of DVD Area
  Naming of CD Area
  Naming of Computer Balcony
  Naming of Teen Room

• Gifts from $5,000 to $10,000 •
  *Reserved – Naming of Walkway 2nd Floor

• Gifts from $2,000 to $5,000 •
  *Reserved – Naming of Staff Room/Lounge

• Gifts from $1,000 to $2,000 •
  *Reserved – Naming of Library Director’s Office

• Gifts from $500 to $1,000 •
  *Reserved – Naming of Vestibule

All gifts are important and will be gratefully acknowledged in a permanent display in the library.

Significant gifts that name a specific item or area will be recognized with a plaque where appropriate.

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

• Gifts from $10,000 to $20,000 •
  Information Kiosk, Front Lawn
  A/V Equipment
  Shelving for New Books
  Shelving for Children's Room
  Shelving for Nonfiction

• Gifts from $5,000 to $10,000 •
  Shelving for Teen Room
  Shelving for Periodicals
  Shelving for Large Print
  Shelving for CDs
  Shelving for DVDs

• Gifts from $2,000 to $5,000 •
  New Phone System

• Gifts from $1,000 to $2,000 •
  Lounge Chairs
  TV Screens

• Gifts from $500 to $1,000 •
  *Reserved – Director's Desk
  *Reserved – Water Fountain

• Gifts from $100 to $500 •
  Portable Laptops For Patrons
  Computer Game Console For Teens & Seniors
  Community Room Chairs
  Conference Room Chairs
  Conference Room Tables
  New Books (many!)

*Indicates Reserved Naming Opportunities
ESTIMATED BUDGET
of the North Conway Public Library building project

- A/E Fees (architect & engineering) $250,000
- Testing Agency (concrete, soil, etc.) $35,000
- Permitting & Legal Costs $35,000
- Moving (books etc.) $35,000
- FFE (Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment) $250,000
- Specialties (A/V, IT, etc.) $100,000
- CoW (Clerk of Works = construction inspector) $40,000

Total: $745,000

Estimated Construction Costs for Library Renovation & Expansion
Plus Parking Lot and Landscaping

donated by Mr. Lyman Pope

Total: $2,500,000

...“The North Conway Library is a very important part of the fabric of a small town New England village. We are very fortunate to have it at our fingertips”

Dan Powers, Patron
BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CONTACTS
North Conway Public Library, Building and Capital Campaign Committees

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Andrea Masters
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A. Neill Osgood
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Glenn Saunders

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Paula Jones, Grants, Marketing
Andrea Masters, Library Director, Public Relations
A. Neill Osgood, President of the Board of Directors, Corporate Donors
Nancy Devine, Devine Nonprofit Consulting
THE TOP 10 REASONS FOR SUPPORTING
the North Conway Public Library

1. The North Conway Public Library is an awesome institution.
2. The library enriches lives all over the Valley.
3. The library is a very successful 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving the Valley for over 130 years.
4. The library is privately funded, but free and open to the public.
5. Any resident in the Mount Washington Valley can get a free library card.
6. Library patrons will have easy access to the upper floors with a new elevator.
7. Library Director Andrea Masters was named “Best Librarian of Mt. Washington Valley 2018.”
8. The library will offer increased programming for children, teens and adults.
9. Your friends will think you’re cool for helping the library!
10. You will be so happy you did!
LIBRARIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE in their communities

What Libraries Do

Libraries are places of information. When most people think “library” they think books. And while that is certainly true, these days books take different shapes, such as e-books and audio books. More than just books, libraries are places of information, offering people free access to a wealth of information that they often can’t find elsewhere, whether online, in print or in person. Whether they’re looking for DVDs or the latest best-seller; health or business information found on internet databases not accessible at home, or going for story times and community programming, the library is a center of community for millions of people.

At the center of all types of libraries is the librarian. Librarians are information experts, selecting books relevant to the community, creating helpful programming, connecting people to information.

Libraries are community hubs. In addition to connecting people to information, libraries connect people to people. They are safe havens for kids, offering after school homework help, games and book clubs. Libraries offer computer classes, enabling older adults to stay engaged in a digital world. Bookmobiles and community outreach programs keep those living in remote areas or those who are housebound connected to the larger community.

Libraries level the playing field. As great democratic institutions, they are serving people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, or physical ability, and providing the full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern, and work.

Libraries are advocates for your right to read and your right to reader privacy.

Libraries are places for community engagement, a platform for great minds to come together. The way people are using our libraries is changing as fast as technology is changing society. Increasingly, libraries are becoming a place for creation and collaboration.

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.”

Albert Einstein

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For more information visit www.ilovelibraries.org
North Conway library getting $2.5 million facelift
Benefactor turns library's dream into reality

CONWAY — The North Conway Library has been a center for reading, learning and community for more than a century.

Now, thanks to the generosity of one donor, the granite landmark in the heart of North Conway Village is expanding.

Lyman Pope of Glen is donating $2.5 million for the construction of a new addition as well as renovations to bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act - getting bathrooms, stairways and small spaces up to code, and adding an elevator to make it all handicap-accessible.

Last week, engineers hired by the library unveiled plans for a multi-story addition at a Conway Planning Board meeting.

The 6,600-square-foot addition will nearly double the size of the existing building at 2719 White Mountain Highway. The extension will mirror the original 1911 building in look and size, with a semi-enclosed courtyard in front of a 1987 addition that will connect the addition to the original building.

Inside, there will be added room for more bookshelves, reading areas, an expanded children’s room, staff offices and a large meeting space.

Library Director Andrea Masters said the new addition will fulfill the wishes patrons expressed in a survey done a few years ago - basically, more space and opportunities for community programs.

“About 400 people answered that survey and here is what they’d like: a community room, more programs for children, a reading room,” said Masters.

But until Pope came along with his offer, those ideas were little more than pipe dreams. “We had a wants and a needs list, and when Lyman came along, it coalesced. People will be getting what they asked for in that survey three or four years ago,” said Masters, who has been director of the library since 2001 (before that she was a physician in her native Germany).

The new library will be a “modern, state-of-the-art library in a magnificent, historic building,” said Nancy Devine of Silver Lake, who was hired as a consultant for the capital campaign for the expansion. “The design enhances what’s already there.”

The library is set to break ground for the addition in October, with completion estimated to take about 45
The redesign is being done by Ron Lamarre of Lavallee Brensinger Architects in Manchester. The project is being overseen by Construction Manager Jeff Parks of Bauen Construction in Meredith, who will be putting contracts out to bid soon, Masters said.

“People should be able to walk into the completed building next summer,” she said.

The plans call for moving the entrance to the back of the building adjacent to the parking lot, with the front entrance becoming an emergency exit.

The circulation desk will go where the children's room is now, and the current circulation desk area will become a reading room.

Existing shelving will remain on the first and second floors in the original building but will also be added on both floors.

The children's room will be in a larger space on the first floor of the addition, along with another reading area, bathroom facilities, a lobby and a large area for more books.

On the second floor, a teen section will be added, along with a meeting room, staff offices and a director's office. Offices are now located in a cramped open area on the second floor that Masters said provides no privacy.

“People can hear everything - when we're on the phone, when we're ordering books and give out the library's credit card number - everything,” she said.

Several computer stations will remain on the second floor, but will also be accessible by a walkway from the stacks and young adult (teen) section on that floor.

Much of the basement will continue to be used for storage, but a new 49-seat capacity meeting room will be added on that level so the library can host guest speakers, workshops and other programs.

The library currently holds its speaker series at the Mt. Washington Observatory’s Discovery Center down the street.

Devine, who retired to the valley nine years ago after a career in fundraising in Washington, D.C., has continued her work on several local fundraising projects, including the Majestic Theatre campaign.

Devine said Pope's donation stands beside those of founding donors Dr. James Schouler, who donated the land on which the library stands, and James Whitaker, who gave the granite to build it with from his nearby quarry in what is now Whitaker Woods.

“They're all strong influences in our valley, and they'll live forever,” Devine said. Just as Schouler is remembered in Schouler Park, and Whitaker in the Whitaker Woods at the edge of North Conway Village, so, too, will Pope's name become a permanent feature of the village.

The newly expanded library will be renamed Pope Memorial Library in his honor.

Pope has been known for his support of animal shelters, giving the money to four in New Hampshire,
Maine and Vermont. This is his first library donation, and his first project in his Mount Washington Valley home.

The reasons are simple, he said. He cares about dogs that have been mistreated and he cares about libraries.

Pope, who made his money in real estate and investments, has been coming to the library since the 1950s. He said he saw the need for expansion there and was happy to be in a position to help that cause, as well as to support a library where dogs are welcome.

“And this location is excellent. It’s right downtown and people have walking access to it,” he said.

“I come to this library all the time. I came as a kid. I lived here winters for a long time, and now I live here year-round,” he said. Pope said he particularly enjoys non-fiction but hates that those books are housed on the second floor.

“Most of the history books are upstairs, and stairs are really difficult for me since I had leg surgery in the Korean War,” Pope said in a recent interview.

“So I thought something needed to get done; we need to make this wonderful library more accessible. This is how it all started.”

Masters said some of her first conversations with Pope surrounded her dog Dusty, which has become the library dog.

“Lyman loves books and libraries, and Lyman loves dogs,” Masters said. Pope is particularly fond of German shepherds, and as part of the building project, he is commissioning a bronze statue of a shepherd to be situated near the new entrance in honor of dogs that have served the American military in wartime.

To go along with the building project, the library trustees have announced a $750,000 fundraising campaign to provide furniture, fixtures and equipment.

“We want people to put their heart and soul into this, as well,” Masters said.

Devine agrees.

“We want them to be part of the books, the building, the staffing,” she said. “This project will happen. The building is going to be built. The community has an opportunity to make it even better, a shared responsibility for what that building will become.”

“It’s kind of the best partnership in New Hampshire right now,” she said. “We hope to be able to tell you at the end of the campaign that a huge percentage of patrons participated. I’d like to see 75 percent participation.”

All donors will be acknowledged in a permanent display at the new library. Various levels of giving have been set up with opportunities to name things, from the children’s room to an audiovisual screen, with separate plaques acknowledging tributes.

But of course, Devine said, no donation is too small, and all are welcome.

Community is the focus not only of the fundraising campaign, but of the new facility.

“Libraries are becoming much more community-centered, which includes programming,” said Masters. “It is a center for knowledge, not just a book repository.”

The small, private, non-profit is one of only a few libraries in the state that is open to the public but not owned by any municipal body. As such, it is dependent on donations large and small to pay for everything from new books and computers to renovations and keeping the lights on.

At the same time, it offers free library cards to anyone who lives in the Mount Washington Valley, not just the residents of one town. Visitors and seasonal residents also are welcome to use the library.

The library building was built in 1911 to house a collection of a library association that was established nearly a quarter century earlier, in 1887. The first addition was built in 1917. Another addition was put on in 1987.

That addition also included room for historical reference materials on the balcony level, as well as a handicapped access ramp from Mechanic Street to the south side of the original building.

It is a great example of early 20th century architecture with Art Nouveau features, designed by architect C.C. Zantzinger of Philadelphia, who also designed the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Fans of the library, like Pope, say the North Conway Library is a beautiful building that houses an excellent collection of books.

Masters proudly states that at any given time, the library circulates more

Tom Mitchell of New Hampton with his children Summer, 11, and Miles, 8, enjoy the children’s area in the North Conway Public Library Tuesday. The family was camping nearby. With the new addition, the children’s space will be greatly expanded. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)
than 70 percent of the books listed on The New York Times bestseller lists.

For nearly two decades, Masters has worked to stay on top of the trends in libraries as well as updating the collection of nearly 20,000 books.

Under her leadership, the library has caught up with current technology, with computer catalogs, a new website where people can browse collections and reserve books from home, and borrow downloadable e-books and audiobooks. On-site, the library has internet for patrons, as well as computers for them to use and even Kindles to lend if they want to read an e-book.

Her work helped earn her recognition this year with a Best of Mount Washington Valley award for top librarian, with which Pope agrees. “She’s an excellent librarian,” he said.

But while the library is beautiful, Pope said, it is also congested, with tight hallways, narrow stairs and little space to relax with a book. And the book collection itself has grown to fill all the shelf space available.

The popular mystery section, for example, is tucked away in a tiny room about the size of a broom closet. Most of the computer stations are on the second floor, up a tight, winding staircase.

Nor is there room to hold a story time, hear a travel talk or chat with a reading group. None of these now commonplace library activities were foreseen 100 years or so ago, when many libraries were being built across the United States.

In fact, with the rapid changes in information technology, Pope was not initially sold on the project, Masters said, and he needed a little convincing that libraries were not a thing of the past.

The good news is, she said, libraries are here to stay. Printed books and libraries are both seeing a resurgence in recent years, and there has been an uptick in young people using libraries.

Pew Research Center last year reported a 25 percent increase in people between the ages of 15 and 25 using libraries across the country.

Masters said libraries have evolved to meet the needs of modern readers and seekers of knowledge, and will continue to meet those needs.

Pope, too, believes in the future of libraries, as long as community remains the center.

“Libraries serve other purposes besides just books,” he said. “They provide a social place for people to go. And it’s very important that this library exists here in this old building, that’s preserved right here so that kids growing up can come to the library.”

Devine is confident the community will step up to that challenge of improving and growing the North Conway Library.

“The Conway Daily Sun

Devine is confident the community will step up to that challenge of improving and growing the North Conway Library.

“There’s a gratitude living in the valley that’s just so special. It’s warm and friendly, and people give and want to be part of a community.”

The North Conway Library is open Tuesday-Saturday; with hours from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, noon-6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. Once the addition is complete, Masters said those hours will be extended.

To learn more about the library and its expansion project as well as opportunities for giving, go to northconwaylibrary.com or call (603) 356-2961.

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North Conway Library launches capital campaign

Recent news that the North Conway Public Library has received generous financial support from long-time patron, Lyman Pope, to expand and renovate the library in North Conway Village has been met with overwhelming excitement in this northern New England town. According to Neill Osgood, president of the library board of directors, “Mt. Washington Valley has been blessed with an enthusiastically generous community. Mr. Pope’s infusion of $2.5 million dollars to expand and renovate our historic library will allow us to make more efficient use of the library space for generations to come.”

He continued: “We are now launching a capital campaign that everyone in the community and beyond can contribute to. These vital funds will help us furnish and outfit spaces within the library for the educational and technological needs of residents and visitors. The entire project is anticipated to cost $3.3 million dollars of which we are responsible for $745,000.” Library Director Andrea Masters said: “We began a conversation with Lyman almost three years ago, when he expressed an interest in helping us upgrade the library. “Our board quickly realized the amazing opportunity before us, and they all put their full support behind the project. Thanks to Lyman’s creativity, generosity and larger-than-life thinking, we are now able to reach out to the community with sponsor and donor opportunities so that our library will truly reflect community pride and ingenuity.”

She continued: “We are so grateful to our faithful donors who each year step up to support our fund-raising events and appeals. While we will continue these events and activities because they are critical to our survival, we need to ask for more help from our local businesses and residents. Many don’t even know about all the things we already offer and the great things to come with the new building.” According to Ed Bergeron, chairman of the building committee, “This is one of the most exciting donor opportunities this valley has seen in my many years of living here. The North Conway Public Library is one of the oldest and original institutions in the Mount Washington Valley, starting back in 1887, and involved many of the valley’s founding fathers or their family members.”

Board president, Osgood added, “We have naming rights to many rooms, ranging from $5,000 to $100,000 and above, and other sponsor-ship opportunities, starting at $100. Sponsoring the teen or community room, or simply providing buy and install book shelves is the support we are looking to achieve.”

Osgood continued, “Many of our directors are valley natives whose families, as does my own, have had close ties to the library over the years. “I encourage the community to reach out to chat about how any donation will help us achieve our goals.”

Osgood is heading up homegrown, efficient and comfortable for our patrons and guests. Donations of all amounts are needed and will be very appreciated. The board of directors are all available to talk about our goals for this capital campaign.”

Library Director Masters hopes that many will want to “Leave a lasting legacy and be an important partner in this new exciting chapter of the library.”

Pledge forms and more detailed information about the capital campaign and the building project are available online at NorthConwayLibrary.com and at the library on 2719 Main St. in the heart of North Conway Village.

The North Conway Public Library’s Board of Directors (from left): Karen Arendt, Kim Beals, Peg Maglio, Neill Osgood, Suzanne McCarthy, Dick McClure, Library Director Andrea Masters, Scott Gleason, Kate Lamneck, and Paula Jones. Not pictured is Betsy Gemmecke. (COURTESY PHOTO)
Spirit of giving continues for North Conway Library’s capital campaign

CONWAY — The season of giving kicks off the North Conway Public Library’s capital campaign with three board members stepping up to claim the naming rights to sections of the soon to be renovated village institution. The North Conway Public Library board of directors announced last summer the generous financial gift of patron Lyman Pope to renovate and enlarge the well-loved public icon. Built in 1911, and enlarged in 1917 and 1988, the popularity of the library as a valley resource now requires that it be updated in size, function and technology. “Mr. Pope’s contribution allows us to renovate and enlarge the library but our capital campaign for $745,000 is needed so we can fill the new building with state-of-the-art infrastructure including computers, lighting, furniture and of course books and other educational materials,” Board President Neill Osgood said. “We will have a new community room, enlarged children’s areas, an actual office for our library director, and be ADA compliant. The generosity of the directors helps us tremendously.” Dick McClure, seven-year library board member and treasurer, will memorialize his wife, Gail with the naming of the library’s staff room. “Gail passed away last year and was a devoted community volunteer and leader serving on many local nonprofits,” McClure said. “It is with love and pride that my family and I make this gift to the North Conway Public Library in her name.” Scott Gleason, son of former librarian, Carrie Gleason, and his son Shawn Gleason, are claiming the naming rights to the Librarian’s office in honor of his mother. “My mother loved the library,” Gleason said. “It truly was her second home for 24 years. What a tre-mendous way to honor and memorialize someone we loved so dearly and whose deep love of the library made such a difference in the community. We salute you, Mom, for your many years as the North Conway Public Library librarian.” Neill Osgood’s family, longtime patrons of the library, is donating in honor of his parents Charles and Patricia Osgood. Charles held many roles on the library board for 18 years. “My Uncle Neill, brother Charlie, and I find it appropriate to honor my parents with a naming right,” Neill said. “They were devoted to the library and its mission of serving valley residents and visitors. The last addi-tion to the library was a capital campaign my father invested much time and effort into; I feel following in his footsteps is a most fitting tribute.” “Community support and excitement for this new chapter in the library’s history has been heartwarming to see,” Andrea Masters, library director said. “People come into the library and are so happy and leave contributions to help us reach our goal. The board of directors and I are available to talk to about our goals for this capital campaign, so please reach out to any of us to learn more about this project.” Pledge forms are available at northconwaylibrary.com or at the library.

Lyman Pope with North Conway Library Director Andrea Masters inside the main room of the library. Last summer, Lyman Pope made a generous donation to the library’s capital campaign to renovate the building. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)
LETTER OF SUPPORT
for the North Conway Public Library

Andrea Masters
Library Director
North Conway Public Library
North Conway, NH

Dear Andrea,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the North Conway Public Library’s Capital Campaign to raise funds to furnish the new building addition gifted by Mr. Lyman Pope.

A reason public libraries are seen as such important institutions is that they and their librarians have gradually taken on other functions well beyond lending out books. In many communities, librarians help local people figure out the complexities of life, from navigating the health system to helping those with housing needs. This “go-to” role has influenced library programming and events, with libraries providing advice and connections to health, housing, literacy, and other areas.

I look forward to the continued efforts of the library to provide valuable services to our community members and visitors to the area.

Sincerely,

Janice Crawford
Executive Director
LETTER OF SUPPORT
for the North Conway Public Library

To Whom It May Concern,

The North Conway Library has been a wonderful resource for my family since we became residents here. Our children's love for reading has been nurtured with the availability of so many wonderful books at our disposal. The kids look forward to our weekly trips to visit the North Conway Library where they sit down in the children's room, read a book or two, then find something that catches their interest to bring home for a bedtime story.

As they grow, we continue seeking more learning opportunities that will diversify their education and interests. It would be so great to see workshops available at the North Conway Library. I would love to see foreign language and cultural lessons there. My son Cadence, 9, loves nature and has mentioned wanting to attend expert led talks on our local wildlife. My daughter Sejal, 7, is very passionate about art, she would benefit from sewing, crocheting or any other craft related workshop that could be made available.

To have our education in our own hands is very powerful. My hope as a North Conway resident is to see funds made available to the library to develop many new and exciting learning programs for children and adults alike.

Sincerely, Suzie Boone
Patron, Mother
LETTER OF SUPPORT
for the North Conway Public Library

To Whom It May Concern:

The North Conway Public Library has been a beacon of diverse cultural literacy enrichment for all ages in Mount Washington Valley since it was founded in 1887. As patrons for over 32 years, we have witnessed the amazing growth in all library offerings for its ever-expanding Valley clientele. It is with great excitement that we anticipate the new building expansion made possible by a generous donor to accommodate the growing demand; and now, we enthusiastically support the campaign to fund the building expansion, plus interior and exterior enhancements.

Our North Conway Public Library’s knowledgeable and effective leadership has provided a wealth of services and unique opportunities for our Valley citizens.

A creative, interactive website permits patrons instant access to the Apollo library catalog with the ability to reserve, renew, books, CDs, DVDs as well as view their personal borrowing, history.

Electronic resources include downloadable eBooks and audio books via Overdrive; Heritage Quest, a genealogy resource; Medline Plus which provides authoritative medical information; and Project Gutenberg which offers 30,000 free e-books. Ancestry.com is available on-site.

Technology: Library computers, a printer, and wifi are available to support the increasing numbers of patrons who visit the main library.

The children’s room and the Teen Corner provide space for the younger patrons. The Local History and Genealogy Balcony provides onsite information for history and genealogy buffs.

Library events and programs for multi-generational audiences foster a sense of community and social opportunities for Mount Washington Valley that we look forward to every year with author visits, travel presentations, One Book One Valley participation, reading groups, Bike for Books, and the Annual Book Sale.

In keeping with the North Conway Public Library’s mission and vision statement, “to enrich individual lives and the Mount Washington Valley community as a whole,” we invite you to share our enthusiasm to support this campaign for the new building enhancements for North Conway Public Library as it brings multifaceted value to the quality of life for the citizens of Mount Washington Valley.

Technology, furniture, shelving, a meeting room, as well as expanded parking are needed.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, the library does not receive tax dollars; it depends upon creative fundraisers and the generosity of our valley benefactors.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us to support the vision for the future and donate to the North Conway Public Library new building enhancement fund.

Dr. Jim and Kathleen Frenette
Patrons
LETTER OF INTENT

Lyman Pope letter of intent

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July 31, 2018

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Board of Trustees
North Conway Public Library Association
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RE: Letter of Understanding – Pledge with Naming Rights.

Dear Trustees;

This letter is intended to outline my intention to provide funding for improvements to the North Conway Public Library (the “Library”) in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,500,000.00) (the “Construction Commitment”) and to fund a supporting endowment of Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) plus any unexpended part of the Construction Commitment (the “Endowment”). The foregoing funding commitments are subject to certain understandings related to the design of the Library and renaming the Library.

The Construction Commitment will be released as needed to fund preliminary design, architectural, and engineering costs based on current expansion plans. The balance of the Construction Commitment will be release to fund construction costs subject to the following:

1. Delivery of site plans approved by the Town of Conway depicting library expansion consistent floor plans and conceptual elevations attached hereto as Appendix A. In addition to the proposed improvements, the site plan shall depict or show the location of a proposed bronze statue of a German shepherd dog having dimensions 50% larger in size than a standard German shepherd dog of 100 pounds situated in close proximity to the existing Mechanic Street entrance on the present lawn area. Changes to site plans required to accommodate regulatory requirements shall be subject to my approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

2. Delivery of an irrevocable resolution of the Trustees changing the name of the Library to “Pope Memorial North Conway Library” and the name of the North
AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER FOR OUR LIBRARY

Come imagine with us

Yes, I/we wish to support the North Conway Public Library’s Exciting New Chapter. I/we have reviewed the Case Statement with this document and pledge to make a gift as outlined below.

I/we therefore pledge the following amount: $ ____________

This gift will be fulfilled as follows:

☐ One payment on ______________
☐ Over three years (longer terms available upon request)
☐ Yearly (starting in which month/year) _______
☐ Quarterly
☐ Other _______

You may direct gifts from your IRA or other estate

Print Name(s): ___________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ___________________________

Phone: _______________________________ E-mail: ________________________________________________

Please record this gift as follows:

☐ In honor/memory of ________________________________________________________

☐ To name a particular area*_____________________________________________________

*Requests subject to NCPL Board approval and/or prior reservation.

☐ Anonymous. We honor all privacy requests in perpetuity.

☐ I wish to fund this pledge through a gift other than cash: _______________________________

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ________________________

Thank you!

Please make checks payable to North Conway Public Library
P.O. Box 409, North Conway, NH 03860

For further information, contact Andrea Masters at 603-356-2961
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