

HAVERHILL LIBRARY



HAVERHILL, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**Hours: Tue. & Sat. 10:00-2:00
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Haverhill Library Association Celebrates Completion of \$108,173 LCHIP-Funded Phase 1 Project

The Board of Directors of the **Haverhill Library Association (HLA)** is pleased to announce completion of the Phase 1 project to rehabilitate our historic 1840 building. The work was financed in part by a \$46,305 grant from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) which requires grantees to finance at least half the cost of projects from other sources. HLA was delighted to receive generous supplemental grants from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation (\$25,000), and Samuel P. Hunt Foundation (\$7,000). In addition, a grant of \$2,500 from the Eversource Energy Foundation helped finance a renovation of our Adult Vault Room. The Library itself spent \$25,413 from its reserves on the project. In addition, several of the contractors and HLA added donated services valued at over \$4,000.

The Haverhill Library Association, Haverhill's oldest library, has finished Phase 1 of the rehabilitation of our historic building in Haverhill Corner. This phase focused on repairing the first floor framing and foundations, adding a moisture barrier and insulation in the crawlspace and a functional drip edge around the perimeter of the building. While this work was a priority to correct a sagging floor and tilting bookshelves, its improvements are largely invisible, with the exception of the Library's Adult Vault Room where shelves and lighting were replaced and upgraded. Library patrons are delighted with the renovated Vault Room and the library encourages the public to come by and see for themselves. (LCHIP, denied funding for the shelf replacement, but other grants made it possible.)

HLA thanks the local contractors for their excellent Phase 1 work:

- American Barn and Building, LLC, contractor for most of the Phase 1 work;
- Schaefers Woodworking, LLC, who donated assistance in project planning and preparation;
- J.A. Mauchly Quality Workmanship, contractor for shelf replacement in the Adult Vault Room, and
- Black Hill Electric, contractor for rewiring and indirect LED lighting in the Adult Vault Room.

This spring, the Library will apply for a Phase 2 grant from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program to repair our slate roof, clean and repoint our external walls, and repair and replace the distinctive shutters and external woodwork. We hope to begin work by the summer of 2023. Contractors interested in all or portions of that new work should contact the library at mail@haverhilllibrary.org.

About Haverhill Library Association

Founded in 1880, the Haverhill Library Association is a private, non-profit corporation providing library and information services to residents of the Town of Haverhill, as well as those in neighboring communities. Located in the Haverhill Corner Historic District, the library has occupied its current premises since 1916 and has been an integral part of the local community. The association is governed by a volunteer board of trustees, including a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and up to five other members. We employ a part-time librarian. Our commitment is to the

ideals of learning and literacy embodied by libraries and to serve our community, including children, adults, and seniors. We are supported primarily by town and charitable contributions.

For more information about the Haverhill Library Association visit <https://haverhilllibrarynh.org/> or call (603) 989-5578

About New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority created by the legislature in 2000. LCHIP's legislative mandate is to ensure the perpetual contribution of natural, cultural and historic resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire. LCHIP does this by providing matching grants to New Hampshire municipalities and non-profits to conserve and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural and historic resources. The program has provided 530 grants which have helped to conserve close to 300,000 acres of land for food production, water quality, ecological values, timber management and recreation and has supported projects to study and rehabilitate 324 historic structures and sites. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 179 of New Hampshire's 234 communities. Fifty-four million dollars of state money have led to a total project value of more than \$312 million. The money for LCHIP grants comes from fees on four kinds of documents recorded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state.

For more information about LCHIP, visit LCHIP.org or call (603) 224-4113

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