

Chapter One



Once upon a time there was a tiny, little library serving the tiny, little communities of Victor and Farmington. Miss Elizabeth Osborne started The Victor Community Library in 1938 to benefit roughly 5,000 residents who called Farmington and Victor home. It was renamed, ultimately becoming the Victor Farmington Library. In the mid-1950s, the library moved to the former trolley depot on Maple Avenue, where it resided for nearly 40 years.

When the tiny little communities grew and grew. By 1990, the library was chartered to serve 14,801. The tiny little library had to expand to meet the needs of the growing communities.



In 1996, the library opened in its current location on West Main Street, almost quadrupling in size. With 9,000 square feet, the new building was just right for providing the community with the programs and resources residents sought. Now, Victor and Farmington's population has nearly doubled again. Victor has almost filled its geographic footprint, while Farmington continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Community surveys paint a picture of services that people want and need, including more books, quiet reading nooks, and an inviting coffee shop.

Our community must unite and take our library to the next level to support the quality of life Victor and Farmington residents have come to expect. The Victor Farmington Library's Board of Trustees has conducted community surveys, held focus groups, and performed a library space study. In the next twelve months, they'll share a comprehensive plan for a larger library.

The Town of Farmington and Village of Victor Officials Agree:

"The Victor Farmington Library has long provided valued service and support to Farmington residents. A larger library with additional offerings will complement the growth Farmington continues to experience."—
Farmington Town Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe

*The current Village of Victor Main Street Revitalization Plan identifies the library as a major asset for the community that "...should definitely remain in the center of the Village's downtown, and be expanded... every effort should be made to support this goal."**

We need your help to expand the library once more, creating a place that will provide room and materials for educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment for both communities for many generations to come.

Ways You Can Help:

- Request a library card
- Keep your library card current
- Tell us what's most important to you
- Contact the library with your questions
- Watch for library communications
- Vote on the library's operating budget in May 2022

*Pages 75 and 81 of the Village of Victor Main Street Revitalization Plan

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