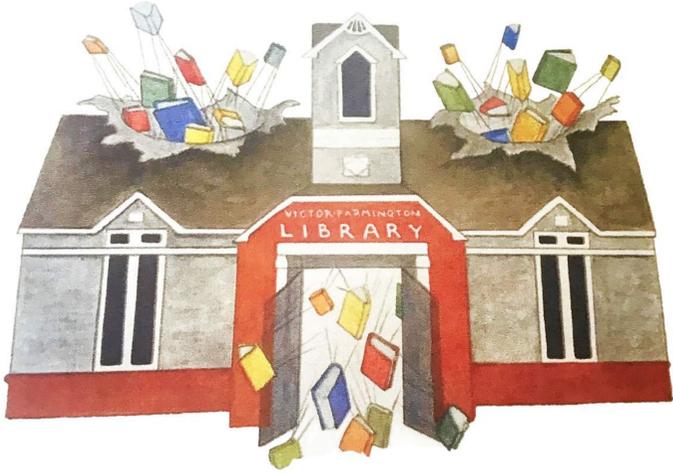


# OUR LIBRARY'S STORY AND YOU...

## Chapter Two



**A**s Victor and Farmington grew and grew, a curious thing happened to the library. Day by day, it seemed to become smaller and smaller until there wasn't even a place to sit down with a good book.

**A** space study completed by HBT Architects in 2019 indicated the communities of Victor and Farmington need a library that is two and a half times the size of the existing one. They estimate that these two communities will continue to grow by 25% over the next ten years. The nearly 200,000 items circulated and 120,000 visitors in 2019 showed the tiny library could not keep up with the growing demand. However, the library learned that it could not expand on the existing site.

In a 2019 community survey, both communities said they want more books, more quiet spaces, more meeting rooms, and more programs and activities from their library. Because of the small size, the current library cannot accommodate any of these requests. Our library is too small for our growing communities! The library Board of Trustees knew something had to be done.

**S**o, they began to look for a new home for the library, one that could fulfill all the needs of the community. After exploring more than twelve locations, the library recently contracted to purchase 160 School Street, across from the Post Office. This location allows the library to remain in the village, making it easy for the roughly 400 people who visit the library each weekday to dine in nearby restaurants and shop at local businesses. It also remains within walking distance of the schools.

The community will vote in May 2022 to approve building the new library. The purchase of 160 School Street hinges on a positive vote. Prior to the vote, the library will hold public information sessions to present the design and gather your input.

**O**ver the coming year, the library will work with architects and other professionals to develop a conceptual design for the building and to accurately estimate project costs. They will also actively seek donations and grants to defray these costs. The library's Board of Trustees is committed to bringing the community the library it deserves while minimizing the effect on taxpayers.

### 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 in May 2022

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WITH PICTURES OF THE NEW LIBRARY  
**COMING SOON...**