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## **SHERBORN LIBRARY TRUSTEES ANNOUNCE PROGRESS IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SHERBORN LIBRARY**

Earlier this year, the Sherborn Library Trustees announced a three year Capital Campaign for the planned renovation and expansion project. “We are very pleased to announce a very special gift which has helped us jumpstart the quiet phase of our fundraising.” remarked Stacey Brandon, Chair of the Library Trustees.

Notably, a \$500,000 grant from an anonymous foundation has been received by the Library Trustees. At the foundation’s request, the gift will be made in memory of Sherborn resident Nora Searle, who died earlier this year from cancer at age 14. Specifically, the new Children’s Program and Craft Room will be named ‘Nora’s Tree House’. The room will extend off the new Children’s Room to create a ‘tree house’ effect. It will be surrounded by windows to maximize natural light and provide a scenic environment.

“It is especially fitting to announce the wonderful gift of ‘Nora’s Tree House’, as creating a dedicated space for children has been at the very heart of the Library expansion project. This generous gift combined with other pledges and donations means the Campaign for the Sherborn Library has now raised just over \$1 million.” noted Brandon.

Private fundraising combined with the anticipated construction grant in the amount of \$3.6m from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) will significantly offset taxpayer costs for the project. “Support and involvement from the town has been a critical element up to this point, and now, we have a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate how the Campaign for the Sherborn Library, a public-private partnership, can move this important town project forward.” noted Steve Borgeson, former Library Trustee and Chair of the Campaign Steering Committee.

In terms of timing, the project is still about two years out. Wait-listed libraries receive grants as funds become available through the state’s five-year capital plan and Sherborn was placed on that list last May. “Based on recent information from the MBLC, we estimate that Sherborn will be notified sometime around the fall of 2014 for our grant” said Jim Murphy, Finance Chair for the Library Trustees. “At that time, we will look to the town to accept the grant and support the project.”

For more information on the Sherborn Library, The Campaign for the Sherborn Library and the planned renovation project, please visit <http://library.sherbornma.org/>.