

'YES' FOR THE LIBRARY!

2/24/15 Sherborn Library Trustees Unanimous Statement of Support for the Library Project

The Sherborn Library Trustees look forward to strong town support at Annual Town Meeting on April 28th and 30th for the planned Library renovation and expansion project. After years of careful planning and preparation, we have a unique opportunity before us. The time to vote "YES" is now.

The Library project is an excellent example of how a public-private partnership can and should work. The project will be funded by a \$3.6 million grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and an expected \$1.0 million municipal contribution, with the balance to be provided by private gifts made to the Campaign for the Sherborn Library.

The current Library was given as a gift to the town in 1971 by Richard and Mary B. Saltonstall. Current estimates suggest it would cost the town over \$3.0 million just to bring the building up to current codes. Now, we have a unique opportunity for a \$1.0 million municipal contribution to fully renovate and expand the library with new systems and infrastructure to meet all federal, state and municipal codes relating to access and safety. In addition, the new library will include a long-anticipated and expanded children's room, a community room, a teen media room and an outdoor reading and garden space.

A "YES" vote in April makes very good sense for Sherborn.