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Dear Claverack Community,

What can the library do for you? What can you do for the library?

The Claverack Free Library has listened to your requests.

1. We are excited to offer **additional opening hours** to better fit busy schedules.

Starting on December 1st, the library will be open:

Mondays: Noon - 8:00 P.M.

Tuesdays: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Wednesdays: Noon - 8:00 P.M.

Thursdays: Noon - 5:00 P.M.

Fridays: Noon - 5:00 P.M.

Saturdays: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Sunday: Closed

Now you can count on the library being open from noon until 2 P.M. six days a week and from noon until 5 P.M. four days a week.

2. An **expanded Friday Morning Story Hour**. We are pleased to have retired Taconic Hills teacher, Deb Wiede, as our new Story Teller. Please come and join the fun.
3. A **new Friends of the Claverack Free Library** group has been formed and offers opportunities to meet new people and work in the community.

Now here's what you can do for us: Come, use our services.

We have books, audiobooks, free Wi-Fi, computers for public use, interlibrary loan, help with loading books on handheld devices, extended teen and children book sections, free and diverse and programs and courses, friendly staff, and places to sit and linger. We are open more and welcome your input.



Your contribution to the library's modest operating budget allows us to do even more. We wish to thank Senator Kathy Marchione, Assembly Member Didi Barrett, the Children's

Foundation of Columbia County, Stewart's, the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation, the Alexander and Marjorie Hover Foundation, the Hudson River Bank & Trust Company Foundation, IBM, and the many businesses and individuals who give so generously throughout the year.

New Library Update

We are delighted to report that the capital campaign to create the new library and community center without incurring debt has topped \$1.55 million toward the overall budget of \$2.4 million. More than 400 donations of all magnitudes have come from our neighbors, local businesses, private charitable foundations, and New York State Library's Division of Library Development.

The new library will be a destination for discovering opportunities – a place of possibilities – by insuring adequate space for technological access, free and diverse



programming for people of all ages, resources for job seekers and small business support, literacy coaching and mentoring, as well as the more traditional library services of providing educational and cultural materials for free.

Notable local architect Linda McNutt has drawn interior design plans and drafted construction documents for work remaining and every effort will be made to hire local contractors and local building material suppliers to partner to complete our new library.

Your contribution will bring us to the final phases and insures educational support and cultural enhancement for individuals of all ages and capacities for many generations to come.

We look forward to continuing to expand our services to meet your needs. Start a dialogue with us and let us know **what the library can do for you.**

Sincerely,

Thea Schoep
Library Director

Jane S. Case
President, Board of Trustees