

Rushford Free Library

Library Hours

Monday 9:00 AM - Noon
Tuesday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - Noon
Thursday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - Noon & 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - Noon

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Exciting News for Our Town and Library



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The Rushford Free Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that plans for the construction of a new library on the site of the former building at 9012 Main Street are moving forward. This project will see the demolition of the former library and the construction of a new library that will provide a beautiful setting for learning and community connection for years to come.

The Board is incredibly grateful for the amazing efforts of our staff, led by Library Director Rebecca Cole, who dedicated themselves to the seemingly impossible task of moving a library. Due to the generous partnership forged with Jeff Mowins, owner of 9033 Main Street, we have found a lovely temporary home in the former market at the blinking light. Mr. Mowins has worked enthusiastically to transform the old market into a functioning library. Our staff has been able to continue to offer excellent service and programming to the community from this space, which will serve as our home for a few years while construction takes place. We are also thankful to the Rushford Historical Society for assisting with the storage of items at the Grange that were not able to be placed in our temporary location and for the community support we received from many volunteers who donated their time to moving furniture, shelving and a collection of over 9,800 books and other media materials.

Plans for a new library have been under consideration for many years. The Trustees and Staff who have served the Rushford Free Library over this time period showed impressive dedication and foresight. Through their efforts and fiscal diligence and with the grants available through the Southern Tier Library System and the New York State Library System, this project is moving forward.

Questions You May Have

Why do we need a new building?

Upon evaluation by a structural engineer, it was determined that it would not be feasible to repair or renovate the old library. Demolition has been deemed necessary.

Where will the new library be situated?

The new library will occupy the same site as the old library. The footprint of the new library will closely match that of the old library.

Is the site environmentally safe for construction?

Environmental testing was conducted at the site and the results indicate construction may safely proceed.

What company will complete the construction?

Edge Building and Construction of Rochester will be working with the Library on the building project.

When will plans be available to view?

Architectural plans are being created by Edge and the Board of Trustees and they will be made available to the public as soon as possible.

Will community members' taxes increase?

Construction of the new library will not cause an increase in community members' taxes.

How can you help?

The success of this project will depend on the support and enthusiasm of the entire community. Whether through donations, volunteering, attending events, or simply sharing the vision with friends and neighbors, every contribution will help bring this exciting project to life.

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