

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:27 AM
To: Donna Conkling
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Subject: Fw: Library renovation

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From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Mark Lewis
Subject: Re: Library renovation

Dear Mrs. Lewis -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Mark Lewis <markannlewis@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:16 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: Library renovation

Good morning,

I am writing to express my support for the planned renovation of the Scarsdale Library and the necessary bond to assist in financing it. I am a heavy user of the library and a member of the board of the Friends of the Scarsdale Library.

Our library building is well loved and heavily used but old. It needs repair and updating. The cost for those necessary projects will be considerable even if we do not take this opportunity to rethink and redesign the building to function even better in the coming years. The new programs and offerings for all ages which have been added in the last few years have proven extremely popular and well attended, but are stretching the capacity of the building to accommodate them. The building is visibly worn and needs repair as well as updating to comply with ADA standards. This work must be done whether or not the space is fully redesigned or not.

The planned renovations have been thoughtfully developed over the last several years, in consultation with members of this community and professionals. Community members have visited libraries in other towns, villages and cities and spoken with the users of those libraries. This plan represents a real world solution to problems with the present space, rather than a utopian dream of a perfect library. I can think of several expensive "nice to have" elements which have been purposefully omitted in the design to control costs.

The residents of Scarsdale are, by and large, like me, frequent users of this most public of spaces, as reflected by our extraordinarily high per capita usage figures. The transformation of the library will affect many residents in a very positive way over a term of years. I urge you and the trustees to approve the needed bonding.

Yours truly,
Ann J. Lewis