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NYS CONSTRUCTION GRANTS AWARDED TO 7 BFLO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

\$258,500 Awarded for Library Projects

Good news for seven libraries in the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. More than \$258,500 in capital funds has been approved by the New York State Legislature for local library construction projects in the 2010-2011 State Budget.

Awards are for:

Boston Free Library -improve computer area with lighting & electrical	\$ 2,541.
Cheektowaga / Reinstein Memorial- energy conservation/window renovation projects	\$ 92,200.
City of Tonawanda Library - water & energy conservation projects	\$ 15,278.
Collins Public Library- ADA access & public access improvements	\$ 2,625.
Kenmore Branch Library - children's area, ADA access, computer and electrical upgrades	\$ 76,805.
West Seneca Library -HVAC & energy system efficiencies	\$ 20,873.
Downtown, Central Library - improve computer, energy, electrical & workspaces	\$ 48,190.

Libraries across New York could apply for a construction grant to fund up to 50 percent of a project with matching funds from the library. Project activities and expenditures were for renovation and/or rehabilitation of existing space, installation of alternative energy sources, and replacement of walkways for ADA accessibility. In total, the New York State Legislature awarded \$14 million for 177 total construction grants to public libraries and public library systems in legislative districts throughout New York State.

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System is grateful to New York State legislators for their support of these local projects that will benefit all library patrons.

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