

PLATTEKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

2016 Report to the Community - Building Project Update

Here is a photo inside our current building.

Built in the 1930s, it served as a two room schoolhouse until the '60s. In 1972, a "Reading Center" was started here.

We are on the second floor, up 2 flights of stairs, in a building 20% of the recommended size, in a structure that does not meet minimum safety standards.

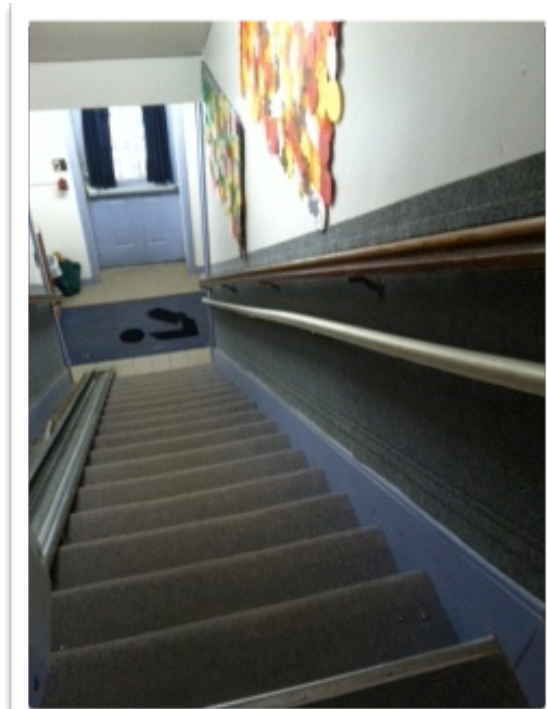
You may have seen a recent newspaper article about our quest for a better facility; let's set the record straight:

In 2008, an architect gave us an assessment about this building. The conclusion: build or buy something else.

Despite the article's statement, we didn't hire him; he produced the assessment for free.



The Pyramids took a while too...



In 2014, just to be cautious about the costs, another architect deliberately overestimated the demolition of the Cider Mill; that was exaggerated further when reported.

To protect the public interest, real estate transactions are always confidential; just knowing the Library is looking for property can raise the price by a huge amount.

The Trustees have been working to explore all the options as opportunities arise for nearly a decade.

Our **2015 Report to the Community** updated our progress, and newspaper interviews continue to inform you as things change. We have had focus groups for the public to provide input and will continue to do so. Of course, a public referendum will be voted on before we build anything.

We are all agreed that we need a new, larger Library for our community. We continue to explore all the options available to us.