

**The Director's Box**

**Reasons Why We Need  
\$1.56 More Per Month**

**While we're able to keep many library expenses down, some costs are rising. Here's why we think asking you to spend a little more at this time will be very worthwhile.**

- **When times are tough** over 73,000 people will save money this year by coming to get help with finding jobs, to use computers, read newspapers, and to borrow new books and DVDs. We help you and your family save money.
- **It takes a village** to keep the library going. Local tax dollars help operate and maintain the library. With \$1.56 more per month, we will also complete the library expansion.
- **New delivery costs.** We have to pay a new fee of \$4,500 next year to borrow over 16,000 items from other libraries for you to use. At 28¢ per item, that's still a great bargain.
- **We'll spend \$7,700** to bring you great adult, family and kids' programs plus museum passes next year. You'll save hundreds of dollars!
- **Grants pay for special projects.** We spent over \$42,000 in grant funds to pay for the new gazebo, garden expansion and special programs and we have applied for 2012 grants as well.
- **We're building it for you.** We're working hard to furnish the new library using green ideas like gently used furniture and refurbished computers. You'll all enjoy using this beautiful new place while saving a boatload of money.
- **We reduced the scope of the library construction project** by \$265,000 to keep costs within reason. We went out to bid a second time, because we refused to spend too much.
- **Keeping our promise to you.** A new library will be worth waiting for. With mortgage payments of \$38,660 a year at a great low rate, this is an economic deal for the whole community.
- **Great return on investment.** For each \$1 you spend on the library, we give you back \$7.20 in quality services. We promise you the best value and a great investment for your hard-earned \$\$.

**VOTERS TO DECIDE BUDGET**

**2010 Patterson Library Facts**

- 73,706 people served
- 69,830 items borrowed
- 8,029 people attended programs
- \$4,044 the average amount a library user saved
- 800+ people used our museum passes for a savings of over \$11,000 dollars!

**More Patterson Library Info**

- The library employs 6 full time staff, 9 part-time, 2 summer staff and 2 youth pages.
- There are presently 9 members on the Board of Trustees. Board members are volunteers, and must be residents of Patterson.
- The library is a not-for-profit Association Library, which means it is not part of a municipality and is not run by the town. A base amount of \$514,293 comes from tax dollars every year. Additional budget increases must be voted on as a separate referendum in the November election.

**Expansion Project Facts**

- Construction will be paid for with tax dollars, savings, grants, fundraising and a low interest mortgage of \$500,000.
- The new design will transform the former court space and update the existing library area.
- The new space will be 7,500 sq. ft. with a new Adult Library, Quiet Zones, Café and Family Center.
- Expected completion dates:  
Phase 1 - Nov. 2011 / Phase 2 - Feb. 2012

# A few reasons why you like Patterson Library....

Our son Owen has been coming here since he was 2 years old. Now 6, he still takes advantage of all your kids programs and has learned a lot from the computer learning tools. Great job providing all these resources.+

**Andrew Grant**



Patterson Library is one of the greatest resources in the Town of Patterson...Patterson Library helps children of Patterson by letting them use their books and computers whenever they need to. Many families cannot afford to buy a computer due to financial issues, knowing they can go to the library to use the computers is very helpful and it is helping with the education of our children.+

**Johany Pastillo**

We like the Patterson Library because of the many things you offer. We really enjoyed our trip to the Intrepid and it is so nice that you offer tickets to the community. My children love how they can pick out books and also get Wii & DS games with movies as well.

**Caroline O'Connell**



On a hot August Friday, I went to our library to check out The Museum of Natural History pass for my daughter Ginger. What a wonderful deal for anyone who wants to go into the city! The passes allow free entry for a family of four and admission to some of the wonderful programs/shows they have as well. The memories of the past 25+ years came flooding back. My children were young and loved visiting the library. Picking out new books on a weekly basis for "us" to read was just one of their favorite outings. They enjoyed all the summer reading programs where they painted their "Picasso's" and all the story hours too. All the staff always welcomed them and knew us all by name. They spent hours of researching HW assignments on the computers. The reference staff was always helpful with computer tricks, ideas, and useful search sites. I am grateful for Patricia always coming through on short notice with an adult book recommendation for me.

In recent years Lillie has brought so many wonderful adult programs to the library. Close to home, free evenings out. Some of my favorites have been: concert night, resume writing, computer classes, holiday wreath making and New York City architecture, just to name a few. My now young adult college daughters love the online catalog search, reserve and renew options. Angela is quick to mention how it is so much faster to get a book and video this way. My husband John really likes checking out Consumer Reports whenever we need to buy a new appliance or anything else around the house and garage.

Over the years the resources the library has provided has saved my family countless hours and a great deal of money. Our library is always advancing in technology. The attractive Children's Garden is growing. I happened to spy a family of ducks crossing the driveway near the garden. How appropriate! I couldn't help think of the children's book "Ping". The new Patterson Library Park is such a welcome sight! Brightly colored picnic tables and a newly constructed gazebo! I can't wait to hear some wonderful music out there. Perhaps a Barber-Shop-Quartet!

Our library is expanding and I just wonder what wonderful things they have in stored for all of us! But mostly the Patterson Library is about the people. Here is somewhere you can find a kind face and a friend. Someone who genuinely cares to help you. They always seem to know where you can find the answer or the resource. Patterson Library is the center of our town.

**Sheba Olenik**

**Every day we have the privilege of impacting lives, sometimes in a small way, and often in a way that is life-changing. Here are a few of the things we do that you won't read about in the newspapers, things we do because we are "your" library.**

- *We helped a woman learn how to use the internet so she could find her brothers and sisters that fled her native country. She successfully located 3 of her siblings and is still looking for the others.*
- *We proctored exams off hours to help a man get a better job to support his family.*
- *We donated tickets to 12 local veterans so they could celebrate Memorial Day aboard the Intrepid.*
- *We donated socks to victims of natural disasters both here and abroad.*
- *We connected families facing foreclosure with the agencies that helped them explore their options to save their homes.*
- *We offered administrative support to businesses and organizations involved with the American Cancer Society, Humane Society and other causes. We raised funds to support the causes of our friends, marched in walk-a-thons, and provided valuable information to our community.*
- *We read stories to the children at the HVUCP, an organization for children with disabilities.*
- *We opened the doors early when a dear friend came looking for a shoulder to lean on, when she got devastating news.*
- *We drove an elderly resident home, so she wouldn't have to walk in the rain.*
- *We collect food for the Patterson Food Pantry, and eye-glasses for the Lions Club.*
- *We helped families find resources to get food for their families while they faced difficult times.*
- *We welcomed newborns with warm smiles and shiny new books, and attended the funerals of our longtime friends.*
- *We provided homework help after school to help parents balance their busy life.*
- *We kept you informed on where to get help in a local emergency when it was possible.*

## **Building News**

### **We heard your suggestions!**

- The Adult Library and Family Center are on opposite sides of the building.
- More computers in two separate areas in the Adult Library.
- A great new café to use a laptop, grab a cup of coffee or a snack from the vending machines.
- More daytime adult programs, and programs for parents while kids are in story times.
- More quiet areas with comfortable seating.
- An enclosed study room for quiet reading times.



**IT'S YOUR LIBRARY,  
YOUR VOTE!**

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

MONDAY..... 10 AM - 8 PM  
TUESDAY..... 10 AM - 5 PM  
WEDNESDAY..... 10 AM - 8 PM  
THURSDAY..... 10 AM - 8 PM  
FRIDAY..... 10 AM - 5 PM  
SATURDAY..... 10 AM - 4 PM  
SUNDAY..... CLOSED

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**You're Invited**  
**Patterson Library Park**  
**Dedication**  
**Saturday, October 15th, 1-4 PM**  
**Ribbon Cutting 2 PM**  
**Rain date Sunday October 16**  
**Music, activities, pumpkin patch**  
**& more!**

**Every Vote  
Counts!**

**Don't Forget  
to Flip the  
Ballot!**



**VOTE  
NOV. 8**