

Prattsburg Free Library

Update

Chapel Street Bank Building Renovation Project



Interior demolition performed by board members and volunteers provided some savings.

Former Bank to be New Home for Library

As many of you know, the library acquired the former M&T Bank building back in December of 2022. The ATM will remain in place as part of the agreement. The former bank building acquisition and renovation is the culmination of years of effort.

Funding

The library made applications in three rounds of state library construction aid cycles and we received some much appreciated support from one of our representatives too.

- 2022 state library construction aid awarded totaled \$137,992
- 2023 state library construction aid awarded totaled \$138,559
- 2023 bullet aid courtesy of Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes \$40,000

We applied for state library construction aid in 2024 as well. We should be receiving notification of the 2024 construction aid awards very soon.

Progress to Date

Hazardous materials testing and remediation was completed in the spring of this year. Testing was conducted by Arctic Enterprises. Testing found minute amounts of asbestos under the floor tile and some lead paint around the door at the front of the building. Remediation work was completed shortly thereafter by Expert Environmental and Construction.

The building's roof was in pretty rough shape, so a decision was made to have it replaced as soon as possible. D.E. Miller Company was hired to replace the roof. Roof work required the removal of a large HVAC unit. A layer of tapered insulation was installed beneath the new roof membrane to facilitate drainage and make the building more energy efficient. New gutters and downspouts were also installed.

What's Next

Iversen Construction and Dailey Electric were hired to complete the needed renovations at the building. Interior demolition commenced on November 3rd. Aside from creating a nice space for patrons, goals include improved energy efficiency, multi-purpose floor space, and more natural light. The project should be completed by spring of 2026 - barring any unforeseen delays. We'll post additional updates as the work progresses. All of the documents associated with the project including drawings and specifications can be found at the link below.

[Project Documents](#)