

Aurora Free Library



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Mayor Jim Orman
Village of Aurora
456 Main Street
Aurora, NY 13026

Dear Mayor Orman,

On behalf of the Aurora Free Library staff and the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you and the Village Board for allowing the roofing contractor the parking access along Cherry Avenue during our recent renovation work. The direct access for the large hydraulic lift and the equipment trailer allowed the work to proceed successfully, for which we are grateful.

The renovation of the original roof tiles and the underlying sub-roof of the main dormer that faces Main Street has given the building a new stability as we approach its 125th year. Unexpected deterioration of the roof was discovered during the renovation process, and we were able to utilize this opportunity to address unforeseen needs elsewhere, like the replacement of broken roof tiles. Further, a leak at the base of the circular vent that serves the Morgan Opera House, clogged gutters, two detached downspouts, and a damaged chimney cap have all been addressed. You will also notice new oak-wood cove molding and renovated soffit fascia boards beneath the new roof-tile edge of the west-facing facade.

The Preservation Committee of the Library has several more capital improvement projects to pursue in the next several years, including the renovation of the building's forty windows, most notably the historic leaded-glass windows, and outfitting the Morgan Opera House with air conditioning in order to expand programing. The Tudor-Revival wood and plaster facade also needs a thorough restoration. As we proceed, we are thankful for the support of the Village and its residents as we continue to provide an important educational and cultural center for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Deacon", written in a cursive style.

Susan Deacon, President
Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees

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