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Announcement: The Town of Johnson will be moving the Johnson Public Library from its current location to Legion Field.

The Trustee Board of the Johnson Public Library is so pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries through the U.S. Department of the Treasury Capital Projects Fund Grant Program. The grant, in the amount of \$1,680,888.68, will allow us to move our Library's building out of the flood zone on Railroad Street to a safer location on Legion Field.

In addition to moving and preserving our beautiful historic building, the Library plans to restore the flood damaged building and install updated and efficient heating and cooling systems. Additional improvements will include a full dry basement, more parking and an addition with community meeting rooms, private spaces for telehealth services, and a computer lab. These critical building renovations along with improved 24hour high speed internet and computer access will help ensure that all citizens in Johnson have convenient access to books and educational programs, and will enable work, education, and health monitoring at our library.

The Town of Johnson is excited to work with the Library Trustees to provide a new space to support the needs of our growing library. We are taking a new approach to flood mitigation and are looking to the future. We are not just jacking up and rolling the physical building down the street, this is far more than providing our most vulnerable residents access to the internet during emergencies and flood events, we are creating a new heart of Johnson that is free from the risk of flooding. In the face of climate change and all we've lost; we are reimagining a new Johnson. It was the rivers that brought us together to build the mill town of Johnson, it is now time to accept that it is the rivers that are putting our town at risk. Our library has flooded three times in the last year alone. We are holding onto our past, preserving our history, and carrying it to a new and different tomorrow on Legion Field. This is a message for Johnson, and all of Vermont, it is time to do something different.

The Vermont Department of Libraries press release can be found below:

[Treasury Capital Projects Fund Press Release.pdf \(vermont.gov\)](#)

Thank you for your consideration in publicizing our recent accomplishment.

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