



New Glarus Public Library

The time has come!

The Vision for a New Library

Libraries improve the property values in a community and are one of the main factors people consider when choosing a place to live, whether to raise a family or retire. Our current library is well-used and loved by the community, but at 2,074 square feet, is too small to adequately provide the services needed by our expanding community in New Glarus.

“I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.”

-Carl Sagan

Our vision for a new library is one that will provide a friendly and comfortable environment; a place that will enhance the quality of life in New Glarus and be an inspiring place to learn; and offer everyone setting that will be a cornerstone and gathering place for the community. In its design, the new library will reflect the Swiss heritage that makes the area so special. The new location will allow easy access, and with the increased amount of space, will better serve all residents in the New Glarus community by providing a place to work, read, meet and learn – indoors and outdoors. The library will combine state-of-the-art technology with a friendly atmosphere, becoming not only a place to check out books, but a location to research materials in a quiet, peaceful setting, or attend special programs and events.

An exciting new site, with a look to the future...



A beautiful, partially wooded lot on the west side of the Village, next to the Swiss Center of North America, has been purchased as the site for the new library. The plan is for the library to have a “campus feel” and be a welcoming entrance to the Village for those arriving from the west.

The overall project goal that the Library Board and volunteers are hoping to accomplish is a new library that will contain 17,000 square feet of space for programming, collections, and services, with an anticipated total project cost of \$2,000,000 - \$2,400,000. These funds will be secured from a variety of sources including the Village and Town of New Glarus, a private fund raising campaign with a goal of \$1.25 million, public funding, and grants.

Operating reserve and endowment funds may be raised at a later date. Specific details and amenities of the new library building will be determined with architects and the Library Board in the coming months with many opportunities for public input.