

Welcome to the Tucker Free Library.

Many thanks to all who have supported the Tucker Free Library every year at Town Meeting. This new area and the revitalization of the Tucker Free is a dream come true and a long time coming. Libraries aren't like in the past where "SHHHHH" was commonly heard. No, today's libraries are where people gather for books, programs, to ask questions, use computers and mingle. But people are still looking for a peaceful place to read, study or do research. For more than 10 years the Library Trustees struggled with how to expand the library and provide a quiet area and more computer workstations. We've done feasibility studies to examine adding to the building and a variety of scenarios just didn't seem right. Who, after all, would want to change the way this grand old building looks by adding onto the side or back of the building.

So, being proper Yankees, we went back and looked at what we had and talked about how we could make better use of the space available. And this is what we give you tonight. A new space to study or read quietly, while giving the rest of this building a facelift with new carpeting, some new paint, bookshelves and furniture.

**We are thankful to Ann S. Soderstrom**, who loved the Tucker Free, for her generous gift which made this project possible. We are also thankful to the outstanding staff of the Tucker Free Library who worked tirelessly to accomplish this beautiful result. Here's how I can best illustrate to you how hardworking,

thoughtful, and dedicated this staff is. During the renovations I came in to check on progress to find not one, but two staff members with TOOTHBRUSHES in their hands scrubbing the decorative brass heat grates behind the desk. That is how much this staff cares about this library.

Let me introduce Tucker Free Library staff members who worked so hard on this project: Kirstin Mason, Lori Roukey, Dennis Getts, Lynn Lawrence, Erin Longan, and Donna Plant.

We are also grateful for the dedication and guidance of Library Director Lynn Pitrowicz. She is the creator, producer, and driver of this project. Her vision for the Tucker Free Library and her never ending energy make an unbeatable combination. On behalf of all the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library, please welcome Director Lynn Pitrowicz.