The Stewart B. Lang Memorial Library is undertaking a capital project to construct a larger building that will better accommodate the evolving mix of resources, programs, services and technologies that our mission promises and our communities deserve.

Our current building was constructed in the 1980’s through the generosity of the Lang family. After more than three decades, however, we’ve outgrown the space, and our property is too small for on-site expansion.

After careful consideration, the Library has decided to pursue the construction of a new building on village-owned property located on Millard Avenue in Cato, New York. The Village will lease or sell a portion of their land to the Library and will work with us to sell our existing building, which also sits on village-owned land. The Library and Village have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to this effect.

The new building will provide flexible spaces for library and community programs, activities and events; comfortable areas for individual and group reading, studying, socializing and learning; and expanded collection shelving and displays with improved accessibility.

The project will be financed through a combination of fundraising, grant writing, self financing and, if necessary, carrying a mortgage on the new building. Fundraising and grant writing will commence during 2020, with construction to begin in 2021.

The Library wishes to thank those community members who participated in the initial planning process for this project. With continued community encouragement, involvement and support, we can make our plans a reality.

The mission of the Stewart B. Lang Memorial Library is to offer resources, programs, and services that foster a lifelong love of reading, encourage the pursuit of knowledge, and provide opportunities for personal growth and community engagement.