

A New Library, A New Name

As you travel through Worcester you will see construction on what will be the new library for our four towns. It will be a facility that will benefit our entire area. The new building was only one of the goals that the library Board of Trustees set for itself.

Another was to expand the area that we serve. To this end, residents of the Schenevus Central School District were asked to serve on the Board of Trustees. Currently, four of the seven trustees live in the Schenevus District.

With expanded services Schenevus taxpayers considered and passed a referendum to support the library's operational budget through a 2015 school budget vote. Previously, Schenevus had not financially supported the library. Worcester taxpayers voted to increase their contributions to the library in 2014.

The breakdown on financial support is 60% Worcester and 40% Schenevus which is about the same as the patronage at the library. The generosity of both districts has been a tremendous vote of confidence as it allows the library to balance its operational budget and guarantees continued service.

Since the expansion of our service area and the financial support we receive, we have struggled to find a name that is representative. A public survey taken in 2016 resulted in a majority voting for a new name (62% to 38%) but a clear-cut winning name was not established.

As the Board of Trustees considered many ideas, the one thing that constantly came up was the fact that all of us are proud of the schools in our communities. I am proud to be an alumnus of Worcester Central School.

I am also proud that my sons are alumni of Schenevus Central School and that I served on the Schenevus Central School Board of Education.

This led us to a very simple solution for a new name – just the names we are proudest of: **Worcester-Schenevus Library**

– John Tausel, *Vice President*
on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Worcester - Schenevus Library

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