



Preservation Committee Report -- October 16, 2025

New York State Education Department Aid for Library Construction Program:

Morgan Opera House Cooling Project – The cooling system installation was completed April 23, and Taitem conducted the final inspection on May 7. This 2024 project was completed at less than the estimated cost, so NYSED asked us to spend the balance of State funding, which we did with the installation of a new hot-water boiler system to replace the old leaky unit. We have paid all invoices from our two contractors – SureTemp and Taitem. Steve Moolin and Dave are working to close out the project with NYSED. The State has withheld \$5,328 (10% of funding) until project closeout later this year.

Main Street Wall Reconstruction project – Our 2025 application to NYSED for renovation of the front half-timber building facade that faces Main Street was denied. We will continue to pursue this necessary work with a grant request through the Emerson Foundation. The project scope will focus on (1) repair and patching of the stucco plaster, (2) renovation of all wood, and (3) caulking, priming, and painting the west Library wall.

Selective Window Restoration and Replacement – We have submitted this new 2026 funding application to NYSED for restoration of the eight double-hung sash windows on the main Library floor and replacement of the ten large casement windows and exterior trim in the Opera House. The anticipated cost is \$224,500 for work to be conducted in 2027, pending State approval.

Leaded-Glass Windows Restoration

Our grant request for restoration of selected lead-glass windows was submitted through State Senator Rachel May's office in June, and we just received a letter of approval to proceed with our application for \$66,000 through the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program. This grant will address the serious condition of all of the leaded-glass windows in the balcony area of the Opera House and the glass windows that surround the Main Street entrance door.

New Exterior Lighting – Dave Brong completed the installation of the four new LED ground-lighting fixtures in front of the Library, which replaces the old fixtures. Dave also replaced light bulbs in the front and side porch fixtures with brighter bulbs.