

New library receives \$50,000 boost

The Madison Community Foundation has approved a \$50,000 grant to help build a new Cambridge Community Library.

The plans are to add an addition to the Amundson Center, in the heart of downtown Cambridge, making it a central location where various community groups can meet, students can study and residents can search for employment, use the computers or check out works by their favorite authors.

This grant is a major gift from one of the area's important philanthropic entities as the effort moves forward

toward reaching its \$1.8 million goal by next year.

The new library campaign seeks to triple the size of its facility now located in the Amundson Center to a modern 6,800 square-foot building as an addition to the center by 2015.

Fundraising led by the Friends of Cambridge Library and the library board has passed the \$1.35 million mark with the Madison Community Foundation grant.

This grant joins a \$400,000 pledge from the Village of Cambridge as well as \$140,000 in support from surrounding communities such as the

towns of Oakland, Christiana and Deerfield and the Village of Rockdale.

Over a 10-year effort, Friends of the Cambridge Library has accumulated \$145,000 toward the new building effort which was slowed by a change of site.

More recent major gifts from the Cambridge Foundation, which offered a \$100,000 gift to be matched by the community, and the pending gift of \$50,000 from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation associated with the Cambridge State Bank, have put the goal within reach.

The capital campaign has

been led by Bob Salov, chair and Mary Gjerme of the library board.

The Madison Community Foundation "encourages, facilitates and manages long-term philanthropy."

It awards grants throughout Dane County to build communities.

Since 1942, the Foundation's staff has helped people realize philanthropic goals throughout the world.

"The Madison Community Foundation is pleased to award a grant of \$50,000 to support Cambridge Community Library's Capital Campaign," said Tom Linfield, the

group's vice president for grant-making and community initiatives. "The Foundation believes in building on assets of the community and feels this project fulfills this mission."

Salov and the capital campaign recently launched Phase Three with a "book-o-meter" in Veterans Park illustrating progress of the fundraising efforts, and the taping of a community television channel video showing the need for a larger, more modern library. That campaign is expected to run into 2014 when the \$1.8 million goal is expected to be met.