

Members of the Cambridge Library Capital Campaign Committee and librarian Joan Behm were excited about the new numbers on the board in Veterans Park. The new total is \$1,680,806, just shy of the \$1,800,000 goal. Shown from the left are Behm and LCC members Kathy Grunwald and Mary Gjermo as well as LCC chair Bob Salov. Salov stated that there has been a new resurgence of support since an editorial by Neil Heinen aired on CBS Channel 3 news. He has asked the paper to share that editorial with readers in the hopes to create enough excitement to get the LCC to its final goal.

New Cambridge Library - Too Close to Fail courtesy of Neil Heinen and Channel 3

Some of the most exciting stuff happening in our communities and neighborhoods today is happening in libraries. From the Internet upgrades in some 300 mostly rural Wisconsin libraries to the inspired seed exchanges soon to debut at five Dane County branches, libraries are happenin' places for discovery, connection and learning. Adding to that excitement is the oh-so-close completion of a capital campaign for a new library in the Village of Cambridge.

Over the past year, Campaign Chair Bob Salov has led an impressive effort to raise \$1.8 million to build a badly needed new library in the community straddling Dane and Jefferson counties. Thanks to the Madison Community Foundation, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, a handful of local foundations, five surrounding municipalities and who knows how many generous individuals, the Friends of the Cambridge Library are within 112 thousand dollars of their goal, just 112 thousand dollars.

Today we urge any and all new friends and donors to complete the job and help Cambridge join in on the fun of a new community library. We'll even go so far as to congratulate the entire community in advance.