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OPEN BOOK — Turning the page on a new chapter in the history of the Cambridge Community Library, a groundbreaking ceremony was held Tuesday for a new facility to be located at the southwest corner of the Amundson Center. The \$1.8 million building was designed by River Architects Inc. of La Crosse, with Vogel Bros. Building Co. of Madison as the general contractor.

Pictured above are, left to right: Friends of the Library President Sharon Erb; Library Board member Brian Soper; Cambridge economic development coordinator Linda Begley-Korth; Capital Campaign Committee and Library Board Neil Shively; Capital Campaign Committee members Mary Gjermo and Bob Salov; Village of Cambridge Trustee Scott Waller; Capital Campaign

Committee member Cora Yenser; Library Board Treasurer Patty Strobusch and Library Board President Dave Wilcox. Related photos appear on A12. View more photos at www.hngnews.com/cambridge_deerfield. — Photos by Sydney Krieger.

Cambridge breaks ground for new public library

CAMBRIDGE — Ground was broken Tuesday afternoon for the new Cambridge Community Library, to be attached to the southwest corner of the Amundson Center.

Specifically, the new library will be an addition to the lower level of the Amundson Center.

Val Schute, of River Architects Inc. in La Crosse, has designed the new library, which will offer such amenities as an outdoor patio/WiFi area, drive-up book drop and transaction window, and the possible addition of solar panels and parking.

Bids for construction were solicited this past February, with the bids opening on March 20. The construction contract was awarded in April, with construction expected to commence in June. The tentative move-in date for the new library is set for March 2015.

More than 125 attendees at the groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday enjoyed cookies and ice cream supplied by the Twisted Cone.

On hand to cheer on this project were area governmental board representatives, along with library staff and board members, seven Friends of the Library members — Louise Dalby, Bruce Summers, Loretta Daum-Byrne, Sharon Erb, Jerol Anderson Reisch, Sharon Jacobson and David Peterson — and members of the Cambridge State Bank.

Representing the Cambridge State Bank Group at the groundbreaking were Kevin Mehringer, Retail Mortgage Loan Officer; Donn Trieloff, former Village of Cambridge president; Bob Salov, Library Campaign member; Amy Simdon, Operations Officer; Jason Brown, Cambridge State Bank President/CEO; and Dane Carey, Commercial Loan Officer.

The fundraising Capital Campaign Committee and local government officials, as well as contractor Vogel Bros. Building Co. of Madison, and the architect, River Architects Inc., also attended the ceremony.

Library staff on hand included pages Brytnny McGough and Heather Brende, director Joan Behm, and Kirsten Martin-Meyers, Sue Krug, Patty Hoggatt and Sharon Jacobson.

On Tuesday, Cambridge State Bank President/CEO Brown offered another \$50,000 check from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation.

With the money finally raised, the project now can proceed, which is what Tuesday's groundbreaking symbolized.

The decade-long effort to raise the \$1.8 million cost of the facility was spearheaded by the Library Board

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and a Capital Campaign Committee headed by Bob Salov and Mary Gjermo, co-chairs.

Salov and Gjermo led the campaign, which involved contacting area local governments to participate in the drive for funds. Salov welcomed the crowd of more than 125 at Tuesday's groundbreaking and thanked everyone for their donations.

Besides the \$400,000 pledged by the Cambridge Village Board, participating communities have included the Town of Oakland, contributing \$70,000; Town of Christiana, \$54,000; and the Town of Deerfield and Village of Rockdale, \$10,000 each.

Representatives of the participating communities on hand to help celebrate Tuesday in-

cluded Ted Crawford, Town of Oakland; Suzanne Hotter, Village of Rockdale; Steve Struss, Village of Cambridge; Salov, Cambridge Library Capital Campaign Committee; Gary Rattmann, Town of Christiana; and Joy Graffin, Town of Oakland.

Foundations giving toward the project include the Cambridge Foundation, \$200,000; Madison Community Foundation and John T. Vucurevich (Cambridge State Bank) Foundation, \$101,000; Evinrude Foundation, \$7,500; and Evjue Foundation, \$5,000.

The Friends of the Library contributed more than \$171,000 to the effort.

Although the majority of the organization's fundraising efforts during the past decade has focused on contributions to the new library project, the Friends of the Cambridge Community Library has not been the main financial fundraiser for the new library project.

The overall project has been overseen by the ad hoc Library Capital Campaign Committee, which has been handling the project financials and building projection details.

The Library Capital Campaign Committee is comprised of independent members as well as members from both The Friends of the Cambridge Community Library and the Cambridge Community Library Board of Directors.

Five Capital Campaign Committee and Library Board members attending Tuesday afternoon's groundbreaking were Sharon Erb, Brian Soper, Linda Begley-Korth, Neil Shively, Mary Gjermo, Bob Salov, Scott Waller, Cora Yenser, Patty Strobusch and Dave Wilcox.



TURNING THE PAGE — Ground was broken Tuesday for the new \$1.8 million Cambridge Community Library, to be attached to the southwest corner of the Amundson Center. Shown here are scenes from the groundbreaking ceremony. Pictured above left, Cambridge Community Library Capital Campaign Committee member Bob Salov poses with Dane County Library System Director Julie Chase. Shown above right, Salov accepts an additional \$50,000 check from the John T. Vucurevich (Cambridge

State Bank) Foundation by Cambridge State Bank President/CEO Jason Brown. Directly below are the heads of the campaign for the new library. They are, from left to right: Pete Vogel, Vogel Bros. Building Co.; Clyde Heberlein, Mike Rumpf, Cambridge Foundation; Joan Behm, Cambridge Community Library director; Mary Gjermo, Friends of the Library; Steve Struss, Village of Cambridge president; Bob Salov, Library Capital Campaign member; Sharon Erb, Friends of the Library president; Dave

Wilcox, Cambridge Library Board; Val Schute, River Architects Inc.; and Jerry Foellini. At bottom is the Cambridge Community Library staff. From left are library pages Brytnny McGough and Heather Brende; library director Joan Behm; Kirsten Martin-Meyers, Sue Krug, Patty Hoggatt and Sharon Jacobson. A related photo and story appear on page A1. View more photos at www.hngnews.com/cambridge_deerfield. — Photos by Sydney Krieger.

