



# POPE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

*Mt. Washington Valley's Free Community Library*

## The Final Chapter

*This story has a happy ending!*



## EMBARKING ON AN ESSENTIAL TRANSFORMATION

*through the generosity of Mr. Lyman Pope*



Building on a success story of community involvement, forward thinking, philanthropy, and local pride, the North Conway Public Library building was constructed in 1911 with granite from Whitaker Woods, a gift of James Whitaker, on land donated in 1905 by Dr. James Schouler.

Today, more than 100 years later, it is with enormous gratitude that we accept a most generous gift from Mr. Lyman Pope, a devoted visitor, visionary, and patron of the library, and now our chief donor to the expansion and renovation of the North Conway Library. Mr. Pope's funding secures our future in becoming a leading library in the North Country.

Mr. Pope is a "Big Man" in the community and the state; a Korean War veteran, advocate of dogs and cats, and provider of animal shelters. He has funded the building or expansion of four animal shelters in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. Now, he is focusing on our library.

"I have been coming to the North Conway Library since the 1950s, recently more often, sometimes several times a week," said Pope. "The book collection is just excellent and library director Andrea Masters does a wonderful job. Most of the history books are upstairs and stairs are really difficult for me since I had leg surgery in the Korean War. So, I thought something needed to get done; we need to make this wonderful library more accessible. This is how it all started."

Lyman has been instrumental in the development of plans for the expansion – a strong voice from the very beginning of planning who will continue his involvement through the construction phase. As with the early gifts from Mr. Whitaker and Dr. Schouler, one of the Valley's own is setting the stage for the future.

We thank our friend, Mr. Lyman Pope, for his vision and courageous advances for the betterment of our community and future of our beloved library...

*The Pope Memorial Library North Conway.*



*Photo from the Boston Globe 11/25/13*

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**Libraries are not just book collections. They also have a very important social function. People meet here, they talk about books, they talk to each other."**

*Lyman Pope, Benefactor*

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW LIBRARY EXPANSION

*Vitality. Excitement. Growth.*



## At our newly expanded library you will be able to:

1. Enjoy browsing in the new stack areas and relax while reading a good book in our two new reading areas.
2. Participate in library programming and community events held in the new, large community room in the lower level, with space for 49 people.
3. Bring your children to the larger, dedicated children's room to enjoy books, story time, and children's programming.
4. Attend book clubs, meet up with friends and enjoy programs in the new meeting room upstairs with space for 20 people.
5. Encourage teens to come and explore books in the dedicated teen area, separate from the children's room, and stay awhile to read in the teen nook.
6. Access all three floors of the library using the new elevator and enjoy comfortable access to the now ADA compliant building.
7. Desktop computers will be available for use on the balcony. Or, bring your own laptop or check out a library laptop for use in the new meeting room.

## **Pope Memorial Library is a privately funded, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization**

The library receives no funds from the Town of Conway, the State of New Hampshire, or the federal government, however, the North Conway Water Precinct voters, at their Annual Budget meeting, voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the purpose of supporting programs of the North Conway Library.

Major sources of income, what sustains us, are donations, fundraisers and bequests

The library is free and open to the public!

...  
**“A historical little library  
 rich with character and  
 a great selection!”**

*Lori Steere, Patron*

## FROM OUR EARLIEST BEGINNINGS WE HAVE GROWN

*and take pride in what we have accomplished.*



### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide stimulating books, resources and services that educate, inspire and entertain people of all ages and backgrounds. The library provides a sense of community by nurturing the love of reading and by the sharing of information and ideas in a welcoming and safe environment.

### VISION STATEMENT

Pope Memorial Library will be recognized as a vibrant, inclusive community hub that will be a center for discovery and enjoyment. It will create a welcoming environment that will meet the informational, cultural, and recreational needs and interests of its users. It will offer inviting spaces to stimulate curiosity and connection; provide a wide range of books, other materials, and technological resources to inform and inspire; and offer enriching programs for children and adults.

The Library's main goal is to enrich individual lives and the Mount Washington Valley community as a whole.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### **Pope Memorial Library has:**

- *more than 70% of current New York Times Bestsellers*
- *100% of the current major, award-winning movies*
- *free WiFi (unsecured hotspot)*
- *an extensive history and genealogy collection*
- *a book and DVD collection that grows each week*
- *tablets and e-readers to check out*
- *downloadable eBooks and audiobooks*
- *an online catalog available 24/7*
- *public computers to use*
- *books on CD, board games and puzzles*
- *exciting fundraising events throughout the year*
- *free library cards for local residents*



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“My library card is one  
of my prized possessions.”

*Noreen Brennan, Patron*

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*North Conway Public Library, Building and Capital Campaign Committees*

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# THE TOP 10 REASONS FOR SUPPORTING

## *Pope Memorial Library*

1. Pope Memorial Library is an awesome institution.
2. The library enriches lives all over the Valley.
3. The library is a very successful 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving the Valley for over 130 years.
4. The library is privately funded, but free and open to the public.
5. Any resident in the Mount Washington Valley can get a free library card.
6. Library patrons will have easy access to the upper floors with a new elevator.
7. Library Director Andrea Masters was named “Best Librarian of Mt. Washington Valley 2018.”
8. The library will offer increased programming for children, teens and adults.
9. Your friends will think you’re cool for helping the library!
10. You will be so happy you did!



# THE FINAL CHAPTER



Yes, I/we wish to support Pope Memorial Library's Final Chapter.

I/we have reviewed the Case Statement with this document and pledge to make a gift as outlined below.

I/we therefore pledge the following amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*This gift will be fulfilled as follows:*

- One payment on \_\_\_\_\_
- Over three years (longer terms available upon request)
- Yearly (starting in which month/year) \_\_\_\_\_
- Quarterly
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*You may direct gifts from your IRA or other estate*

Print Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please record this gift as follows:

- In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- To name a particular area\* \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Requests subject to PML Board approval and/or prior reservation.*
- Anonymous. We honor all privacy requests in perpetuity.
- I wish to fund this pledge through a gift other than cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**

**Please make checks payable to Pope Memorial Library  
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