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### **Libraries Awarded Livingston County Capital Improvement Grants**

**June 22, 2018**— Three local libraries were awarded a total of \$4,252 from the new Livingston County Library Capital Improvement Grant Program. The program was started last year when the Livingston County Board of Supervisors separated out a section of their annual contribution to the Pioneer Library system for a competitive small construction grant program. These funds are a boon to the smallest libraries in Livingston County that sometimes have difficulty finding funding for critical capital improvements.

Lauren Moore, Executive Director of the Pioneer Library System, stated, “The need for investment in the library buildings in Livingston County is considerable. The average age of Livingston County Library buildings is 118 years. The libraries in Caledonia, Dansville, and Geneseo are located in buildings that were constructed in the 1800s. These county funds to libraries ensure that every community is able support ongoing library building renovation.”

The criteria for the grant application emphasized building repairs, safety concerns, preventative maintenance, energy efficiency and accessibility upgrades. Libraries awarded funding:

- Caledonia Library- \$3,000 for renovation of doors, steps and stone foundation.
- Bell Memorial Library (Nunda)- \$1,000 for addressing safety concerns with outdoor lighting in the parking lot and book drop areas.
- Avon Free Library- \$252 for ongoing renovations to the lower level.

Ms. Moore stated, “The Pioneer Library System is proud to see local communities like Avon, Dansville, Livonia, and Geneseo make considerable investments in their libraries, creating library spaces that are fully accessible, welcoming, and able to meet the current and future needs of their community members. The county’s steadfast support for its libraries creates an environment that allows these libraries and the communities they serve to thrive.”

County Administrator, Ian Coyle, added, "We are a strong supporter of our local libraries. Historically, we funded a simple contract which helped with collection additions, technology and system improvements. A small allotment is now segregated out for capital improvements and we are happy to play a small role in library funding in Livingston County. These institutions of learning and development are community anchors in our municipalities."

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