



VOTERS APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF BADENHAUSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Former reading room is the first new library for North Country residents in almost 20 years

(WATERTOWN, NEW YORK) – On Tuesday, June 20, residents of the Brasher Falls Central School District voted to approve the formation of the Badenhause Public Library. The vote grants the former reading room an official charter as a school district public library through the New York State Education Department.

With the establishment of the library, voters also approved the election of five trustees and an annual budget of \$77,000.

The Badenhause Public Library is the first new chartered library for North Country residents since the Williamstown Library was established in 2006. Being a chartered library makes Badenhause eligible for state funding and other support, such as NYS Library Construction Aid.

Badenhause Public Library trustee Laurel Murphy says, "As a member of the Brasher community, I am so pleased that the residents approved the vote, and many generations will now get to experience everything there is to offer with a local library. From the warm staff and multiple programs and events to the great selection of books, the future of this newly chartered library looks fantastic!"

Formed in December 2014, the library initially relied on a donation from Dr. Susan Badenhause to provide library services to the residents of Brasher Falls. Badenhause became a branch of the Massena Public Library, which provided administrative and staffing support to the smaller institution. After Badenhause gained its independent status as a reading room, the board of trustees began working toward establishing the organization as an official chartered library.

"The North Country Library System is thrilled to welcome the Badenhause Public Library as our newest chartered member library," says NCLS Executive Director Paulette Roes. "The school district model will bring stability to the library's funding and ensure that the library can continue to serve its community for years to come."

The Badenhause Public Library joins the North Country Library System as its 66th member.

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About the North Country Library System

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