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## SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED \$405,525 IN FUNDING

*State Rep. John Hampton applauds state Bond Commission's approval of funds*

The state Bond Commission awarded the Simsbury Public Library a \$405,525 construction grant Friday for the renovation of the library's lower level.

"The Simsbury Public Library is an important cornerstone of our community, providing vital resources to residents. The approval of this funding will allow the library to continue enriching the lives of our community members through its expansion of programs and by providing access to information, resources and support," said **state Rep. John Hampton**, D-Simsbury.

This funding will be used to transform the library's lower level unfinished square footage into an additional flexible program space. Friday's approval of the funding comes after the town approved the matching funds required by the grant. The design of the renovation, which was funded by the Friends of the Simsbury Public Library, is 75 percent complete.

"The vision for these lower level improvements is the result of a need demonstrated by our residents when we completed our five-year strategic plan in December 2016. Not only will this project increase our meeting space footprint, but it will also allow us to meet the programming needs of our residents. By finishing our lower level, we will be able to accommodate new and expanded programs for our seniors as well as other groups. This project will have an immediate, positive impact on the community and will benefit residents of all ages. This is a great example of the town, the state and the Friends working together to benefit Simsbury," said **Marianne O'Neil**, chairwoman of the Simsbury Library Board of Trustees.

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