

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### The Harrison Public Library Renovation Kickoff

#### **Upgrading library's infrastructure to bring innovation to library services**

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The long-awaited renovation of the Harrison “downtown” library will begin with a Kickoff on Saturday, October 25 at 12 pm. The Halperin Building will be reconfigured, updating the infrastructure to deliver 21st century library services. The renovation features a Technology Center, a spacious Children’s Room, a Teen Center with expanded group study space as well as improved lighting and an enhanced wireless network with dedicated charging stations. An agreement with Cablevision for a television studio has also been incorporated into the project.

The renovations are being made possible by a public-private partnership, with a generous \$1.1 million contribution from the Richard E. Halperin Memorial Fund. The Harrison Public Library Foundation (“HPLF”), a nonprofit organization, has raised funds as well, and the Town/Village of Harrison has pledged \$1.1 million. A \$50,000 donation has been received from the Javitch Foundation, which honors the late Harrison resident Lee Javitch. Corporate donations come from Jaden Corporation (\$100, 000.) and Morgan Stanley (\$50,000.). Fundraisers were held by the Foundation as well as by Harrison High School Students, and individuals contributed by donating money or buying personal engraved bricks. A Construction Grant from New York State has also been secured. The architecture firm H3 Hardy has designed the project and architectural renderings can be viewed at <http://www.harrisonpl.org/renovation/progress/>.

The renovated Library will open during the summer of 2015. While the work is being completed, the Harrison Library staff and services are temporarily relocated to the branch at West Harrison Public Library at 2 Madison Street, West Harrison. The library’s popular programs are being hosted at various locations in Harrison, including the Harrison Jewish Community Center, the Harrison Senior Center, Uncle Henry’s Bar and Grill, and the Town Courthouse. The West Harrison Library’s hours are extended to 7 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Sunday hours have been added.

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