



For over one hundred years, the Avon Free Library has played a crucial role in our community, evolving far beyond just providing books. The library is a place for discovery, creativity, inclusivity, and lifelong learning. It is a common ground where people of all ages, ethnicities, and socioeconomic means can find the resources and support that they need to succeed, all at no cost.

As the role of our library evolves, we must support its physical presence to ensure that it can continue to meet the needs of our community. A capital plan was created after assessing the building's physical needs, as well as the needs and wants of community members. Safety, accessibility, sustainability of the building, and expanded community and educational space are the focuses of the plan.

We invite you to join us in writing the Next Chapter of the Avon Free Library by learning more about and following along with the renovations, providing continued input into our projects, and helping us to raise the necessary funds to allow our library to continue to meet community needs for years to come.

## SLATE ROOF REPLACEMENT

The current slate roof on the library is nearing its 100th year and is starting to deteriorate. Its replacement is vital to protect the building and all of its contents.



Funded primarily through state construction funds, grants, and Town of Avon support, the new slate roof will outlive all of us and is a gift to future generations.

## BACK YARD & PARKING LOT

The backyard will be transformed into a multipurpose space where patrons can gather, work, study, and play. Visitors can access 24/7 wifi, stroll along the paths, gather and connect with each other while relaxing on a shaded bench, enjoy programs in the pavilion, and interact with the different experiential spaces in the garden. The sensory rich environment is especially beneficial for mental health and for community members who are neurodivergent or who experience dementia.

Interactive learning spaces within the yard include:

- Geological Rock Garden
- Pollinator Garden
- Pavilion with Amphitheater Area
- Birdhouse and Nature ID Area
- Rain Garden Wetland Learning Experience

The project also includes paving the current gravel parking lot behind the library which currently poses many safety and accessibility challenges.

