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**Stonington Free Library Selects Contractor for new ADA Addition and
Receives Grant to Install Fiber-Optic Connection**

*LIBRARY'S VISION OF INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL AND
EXPANDED DIGITAL ACCESS TAKES A STEP CLOSER TO REALITY*

Stonington, Conn. (October 7, 2019) – The Stonington Free Library is pleased to announce that after a rigorous review process, it has selected G. Donovan Associates as the general contractor for the new ADA addition on the eastern side of the Library.

This addition focuses on increasing accessibility for all members of the community to all parts of the existing Library and includes an ADA compliant ramp, entrance, elevator and restrooms on both levels. We expect construction to begin late October; however, preparatory site work will happen before groundbreaking.

G. Donovan Associates has been in the construction industry for 25 years and has experience in both the private and public sectors. Their local work includes the recent renovations at the Stonington COMO, and other projects in southeastern CT include the Coast Guard Academy, Fort Trumbull and Ocean Beach Park in New London and the Gallup Hill Elementary School expansion in Ledyard.

“As all our patrons and many visitors know, our beloved Stonington Free Library is beautiful but also small – our space challenges are constant and real. This addition will make the Library accessible to all and add 700 square feet.”—**Stonington Free Library Director, Belinda de Kay**

Another critical part of the Stonington Free Library’s goal is to expand digital services including upgraded high-speed internet. The award of a \$58,805 grant from the CT State Library and the Universal Service Schools and Library Program for the installation of a fiber-optic connection is a further step toward the transformation of the Stonington Free Library into a 21st century institution for all residents of Stonington.

For more information about the Stonington Free Library, including information about how to donate, visit <https://www.stoningtonfreelibrary.org/support/support-us/>.

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Founded in 1887, the Stonington Free Library is a private association that serves the entire town of Stonington, offering print and digital media items, online subscription services, and a diverse range of programming for adults and youth alike, all free of charge. **The mission of the Stonington Free Library is to enrich lives and build community by bringing information, ideas and people together.**

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