



NEW OUTDOOR MUSIC GARDEN AT THE LAKE SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hamburg, NY, October 30, 2023 - The Hamburg Public Library holds a Grand Opening Celebration today at its new outdoor music garden at the Lake Shore Public Library, 4857 Lake Shore Road.

"This beautiful space would not be possible had it not been for many generous donors including funding from New York State Assemblymember Jonathan D. Rivera and Arts Services, Inc. (ASI) which provided \$8,000 for the purchase of the instruments and landscaped walkway," said Hamburg Library Director Brian Hoth.

"Where we choose to invest our dollars says a great deal about where our priorities lie," said Assemblymember Jonathan D. Rivera. "I am extremely proud to have secured \$8,000 in state funding for the new music garden at the Lake Shore Library — a heavily visited but often overlooked branch in our county's wonderful library system. The installation of weatherized instruments will not only invigorate the space as a public art project, but it will enable new generations to experience library visits in a brand new way that is both engaging and inclusive."

The "Friends of the Hamburg Public Library" provided \$3,500 to fund the landscaping featuring whimsical snowcap daisies, brightly colored balloon flowers, New York asters, great blue lobelia, daylilies and distinctive white turtlehead in a circular garden. The plants were selected and planted by three master gardeners from the Hamburg Garden Club. The unique bench with carved music notes and solar lights were donated by Director Brian Hoth.

Durable and made for the outdoors, the music garden features a kid-size trio of brightly rainbow-colored bongo drums, a metallophone (metal xylophone) and chimes.

Expected attendees include Hamburg Library Board Vice President Catherine Lee, Hamburg Town Councilperson Elizabeth Farrell-Lorentz, ASI Marketing and Communications Director Kelsey Capruso, Hamburg Public Library Friends President Donna Ludwig and members of the executive board of the Hamburg Garden Club.

A special acknowledgement to the Town of Hamburg for supporting creation of the music garden, the town's Buildings & Grounds Department for installation of the instruments and bench, and landscape architect Andrew Schrauth who provided consultation.

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