

## The Goodnow Library announces historical room renovation

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The Goodnow Library

The Goodnow Library Foundation's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that thanks to its partnership with the Goodnow family and to local Library supporters, it has surpassed its \$50,000 goal for the renovation of the Goodnow Library's Historical Room. This fundraising effort was launched to supplement the \$150,000 that was approved at Town Meeting in 2020 from the Historic Resources category of the Community Preservation Fund. The GLF would like to express its sincere appreciation to all who participated.

It was with much excitement that members of the Goodnow family stepped forward in June to kick off the start of this historic campaign. The announced renovation had caught their eye earlier this year. Goodnow cousins, aunts and uncles from the Midwest and on the East Coast coordinated efforts and set a Goodnow family challenge to raise \$25,000 of the \$50,000 needed in order to complete the transformational project. The extended Goodnow family main-

tains a strong belief in civic-mindedness and a shared pride in its family's legacy. The generous family donation honors the late Judith Goodnow Prus and Nathan Brooks Goodnow of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

"The Goodnow Library's Historical Room is of great importance to our Goodnow Family as it houses many treasured Goodnow-related documents and artifacts," said Susan T. Goodnow, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. "It is in Sudbury that the Goodnow foothold was established in the early 1600's with the arrival of three Goodnow brothers, John, Edmund and Thomas, and their sister Ursula. Our family is directly descended from the Edmund Goodnow branch, and we are proud that our ancestor John Goodnow bequeathed the funds to establish the Goodnow Library in 1861. When I recently learned that we had the opportunity to make a difference for our family's legacy and for the future vitality of the Goodnow Library, I was delighted! Over the past decade, several members of our family have traveled to the Goodnow Library specifically to visit the Historical Room. We are

honored to be an integral part of this important work and look forward to a family reunion in the room itself once the work is complete."

In addition to the Goodnow family's support and the generosity of many local families, trustees of the Sudbury Foundation recently approved a \$15,000 grant towards the purchase of the furnishings for the newly-renovated room including a computer station so that patrons will have direct access to searching Goodnow's historical database.

The renovation will provide secure, customized display cases and storage for Goodnow's local history collection. It also will add an additional 35-40 workspaces for the increasing number of patrons who use Goodnow for work, study and building connections in the community.

"The Goodnow Library is Sudbury's community hub," said Director of Development Holly Bernene. "An investment in this renovation is truly an investment in the town of Sudbury itself. We are so grateful for the overwhelming support for this project."