



MOUNT PLEASANT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Lighting the Path to Literacy and Life Long Learning



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Library to add Energy Efficiency Upgrades with a \$58,000 Grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

December 20, 2018 – Mount Pleasant Public Library received a \$58,000 grant from West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) to replace its HVAC, hot water heater, and outdoor lighting with more efficient models.

WPPSEF Board awarded the grant after its \$6,500 grant to the library for a comprehensive energy audit of the facility, which was completed in the summer. The audit's goal was to determine the 50-year-old library building's most inefficient systems and prioritize their replacement.

"This project with the library fits so well into the WPPSEF's mission of helping non-profits to see significant energy savings, because those savings ultimately benefit the West Penn Penn ratepayer and the communities that are served by the library. The energy savings from the new HVAC and ductwork, hot water heater, and new LED outdoor lights will help reduce the library's overall operating costs, which is crucial for a small non-profit organization. The library agreed to contribute 5 percent of the costs of these energy management improvements and to show case them to the community as part of its 80th birthday celebration, the theme of which is "Lighting the Path to Literacy and Lifelong Learning." said Joel Morrison, WPPSEF Director.

"In 2019, the library celebrates its 80th birthday on this location, so it will be a big year for us," said Board of Trustees President Kathleen Ceroni, Ph.D. "I am thrilled at how perfectly our theme fits with WPPSEF's willingness to help us light the path to being the library of the future."

The project timeline estimates all of the energy management upgrades will be completed by summer.

The mission of the Mount Pleasant Public Library is to promote literacy, advance life-long learning and serve as a gathering place for the development of an active and engaged community.

The library is a non-profit 501c(3) and is one of the 24 libraries in the Westmoreland Library Network that serves the county collaboratively.

The library just launched the fall membership drive, its largest fundraiser of the year. It also recently earned Bronze level status in the PA Forward Program. This initiative by the Pennsylvania Library Association guides the Commonwealth's 456 public libraries to help citizens improve their command of five types of literacy – basic, information, civic and social, health, and financial.

These literacies are essential to greater success in all vital roles of life: as students, as parents, as employees, as consumers, as citizens.

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The **West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments focus on three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

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