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An Anniversary, and Reviving an Old Tradition

I recall with pleasure attending the opening of Pittsford’s new Community Library building in September, 2005. It makes me feel old, a bit, to realize that we’re approaching the new library’s 10th anniversary. Pittsford Community Library marks the occasion with two celebrations. The Library will host an After Hours Social on Saturday, September 26th, from 7-9pm. This event will include music, entertainment and desserts. Tickets are free to Pittsford residents and may be obtained at the Library beginning September 1st. Tickets will be available to non-residents from September 15th.

On Sunday, September 27th, the Library will host a Family Day, providing entertainment for children, from 2-4pm.

More on the library shortly. On the subject of celebrations, I’m pleased to tell you that we’re reviving a popular tradition. For years Pittsford held its “Colonial Days” festival on South Main Street. So many of you have asked us to move one of our summer fests back to Main Street that we’ve done it.

Our Food Truck and Music Festival opens at Noon on Saturday, September 12th, on South Main Street, which we’ll close from the Four Corners to Locust Street. On that day the parking lot behind Town Hall will be limited to patrons of Breathe Yoga, Rocky Greco’s and Hicks and McCarthy. We’ve added features to make the event of interest to the adults in the family, while retaining activities for children. We’ll conclude at 9pm with the traditional fireworks display. Don’t miss it!

Our library traces its roots to 1803, when forty-five subscribers established Northfield Library Company. It was succeeded, by 1834, by Pittsford Social Library. By 1852 it was run by the school district; librarian Thomas Gillam administered a patron list of 120. Library membership was by paid subscription in those days. Pittsford Community Library as we know it was founded in 1920, and chartered by the State in 1924.

In its more recent history the Library occupied what’s now Village Hall until 1974. That year it moved to State Street, to a former grocery store the Town acquired and renovated for the purpose. The current library stands on the site of the “Star Market” library and opened on September 17, 2005.

Our library patrons have access to the resources of the entire Monroe County Library System. They benefit from the work of an exemplary professional staff, led by Library Director Rhonda Rossman. A dedicated independent citizens’ group, Friends of the Pittsford Library, works constantly to support the library’s mission. Altogether, one of Pittsford’s finest resources.