



TOWN OF NICHOLS

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Town Residents

Due to misinformation posted on social media, we want to ensure the facts are clear.

Several months ago, the Town discovered we were not authorized to operate a Museum. There are restrictive regulations a municipal government must follow to acquire the authority to accept private property and donations, for a Museum, or Historical Display.

In an effort to find a way to keep the display, the Library stepped forward.

Our Attorney reviewed Library regulations, and ascertained the Library is in fact authorized to have a historical display.

Consecutively, the Library Board reviewed the option with the Board of Education which provides oversight and regulations to libraries and concurred with our attorney.

Qualifications for a Historical Display within a Library system differ **significantly** than what is required of a Municipality with a Museum, or Historical Display.

Very simply, they have the authority, we do not.

On Sept 16th, the Library board will officially vote to accept and manage the full display.

Donors will receive a letter informing them their donations will transfer from the Town's possession to the Cady Library.

They will have the option to keep their item(s) in the Display or have it returned to them.

The new Librarian, Erica Deretz has her degree in history, which will be an asset going forward.

The Library's intent will be to display items on the 2nd floor of the Library.

They expect to provide additional hours & days for viewing.

The Library has handicap accessibility at the driveway entrance and an elevator lift to the 2nd floor.

The Carriage House will undergo much needed renovation, windows, utilities, etc., we are considering options available to address the driveway if feasible.



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Upon completion of these renovations, detailed specifics on the use of the building have not yet been outlined.

The Library did reach out to us regarding a space issue. As their programs have "outgrown" the limited space they have for gatherings of groups coming in for events. The Carriage house space, on site, would certainly be helpful for that. It's likely we will consider their request.

Along this line we are also renovating the last unfinished 2nd floor room of the Library. Plaster work, floor refinishing, wall coverings, and window treatments are being addressed. Additionally, air conditioning throughout the Library will be addressed with split units.

The front and side porches are in the process of repair. There will be new flooring, and a new substructure on the side porch. We are using wood oil to replicate period finishes, and bluestone will be added to the sides of the stair entrance to provide a place to display planters of flowers.

The Town Board is excited to bring these historical buildings projects to fruition.

You can stay current going forward at <https://cadylibrary.org> or liking the Library on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/cadylibrary/>

In closing we want to thank Kem Hart-Baker for the remarkable work she performed as Town Historian. Most notably for acquiring and placing historical landmark signs throughout the Town for our future generations to see, and for the contagious passion she showed in her work. We wish her the very best in her next endeavor.

The Town Board will continue to do our best to ensure factually accurate information is provided to our Residents. Please feel free to contact our office 607-699-9770 if you have questions or concerns.