**Ellington Farman Library**

**Mission**

**The mission of the Ellington Farman Library is to provide free access to resources that enhance and enlighten the lives of its patrons.**

**Strategic Issues for 2019 – 2023**

1. **Internal Environment: The need for ongoing enhancements to the library internal space continues to evolve. Comfort, convenience, confidentiality and safety for patrons and staff are current issues to be addressed. The Computer Room needs carrels for privacy concerns and new chairs designed for better comfort when using library computers. Although the upstairs is not designed for patron use, there are issues of safety for staff and volunteers due to limited exit areas either for getting out in case of fire, for example, or for first responders to remove someone in the event of illness or injury. Storage on the back stairway adds additional hazards. Communication is limited with no phones on the second floor and lighting is poor. Storage areas are also in need of sorting, de-cluttering, renovation, and better identification of contents. Adequate storage areas for folding tables and chairs are nonexistent in the Back Room, and clutter in this room is becoming an issue. Also, window blinds are needed to prevent heat and glare, especially for the front windows of the Main Room and for the east and west windows of the Back Room.**
2. **External Environment: The old garage on the property still needs to be demolished with safety concerns becoming more evident as the building deteriorates. Remaining issues regarding uses and maintenance of the outdoor space will be addressed at a later time.**
3. **Sustainable Funding: There are increasing concerns about the library’s future ability to meet its basic operating budget without using, and potentially depleting, funds in the savings account. Due to political changes at the New York State level, the library has been advised that the annual Bullet Aid money is unlikely to continue. In spite of ongoing fundraising activities, we have been unable to make substantial additions to our Endowment Fund with CRCF. We believe that a plan is needed for long term sustainable revenue.**