

# Major library project start celebrated in Fitchburg



City, state and federal officials all attended the groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday. From left, Fitchburg City Council President Anthony Zarella, Mass. Board of Library Commissioner George Comeau, OWL Capital Campaign Honorary Chair Bob Antonucci, U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan, OWL Capital Campaign Co-Chair and former Fitchburg Public Library Director Sharon A. Bernard, Fitchburg Public Library Director Deb Hinkle, Fitchburg Mayor Samantha Squailia, state Sen. John Cronin, state Rep. Mike Kushmerek, and Chair of the Library Trustees Matt Bruun. GARY FOURNIER — SENTINEL & ENTERPRISE



A large crowd showed up for the ceremony held in downtown Fitchburg this week. GARY FOURNIER — SENTINEL & ENTERPRISE



Fitchburg Public Library Director Deb Hinkle spoke at the ceremony marking the start of the \$40 million library renovation and construction project, saying how the state-of-the-art facility will “dramatically improve the space for our children to learn, and our community to engage, create and study. It will truly offer a world of learning for all.” GARY FOURNIER — SENTINEL & ENTERPRISE

The Fitchburg Public Library renovation celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday to mark the start of work on the project, beginning with “abatement and demolition work” prior to renovation and construction work. The project encompasses the renovation of the existing Wallace Library, which was first built in 1967, and the creation of an entirely new children’s space and community learning center, which will include a new community room, conference spaces and meeting rooms, a learning computer lab, and a Makerspace, among many other improvements.