Construction Complete!

We were so happy to reopen the library after our construction was complete! We officially opened our doors to the public on August 23rd, and celebrated with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in September.
Although we were closed due to construction for much of 2021, staff was on hand to provide vital library services to the community. While our collection was in storage, we requested items from other libraries throughout the Mid-Hudson Library System. We helped patrons use our numerous digital resources, some for the first time. We provided reference services through email, phone, and chat. We offered onsite programming whenever possible, but continued to offer online programs as well.

2021 Highlights:

- Library staff answered **8692** reference questions in person, and by phone, email, and chat.
- Use of electronic materials continues to rise. In 2021, **16,577** items were downloaded through digital resources, a 14% increase over the previous year.
- Our wireless networks were accessed **12,226** times.
- As of July, 2021, Brewster Library is a fine-free library!
- We issued over 300 new cards in 2021. **7,028** people are currently Brewster Library cardholders.
- **24,825** items were loaned by the Brewster Library, including 18512 books and 6313 audio/visual items.
- **11,982** people visited the library in 2021.
- **6052** people attended programs online and in person.
The new building

The David D. Bruen Reading Room was renovated with new furniture, paint, and carpeting, while keeping the traditional feel of the original library.

Spacious seating and 2 private study rooms were added in the Main Library (upper level).

A large capacity Community Room was added, equipped with a modern audio/visual system.
The newly expanded Children’s Room was dedicated in honor of former Library Board President, Stefani P. Gosselink.

A Young Adult Room, designed specially for teens.