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Monson Savings Bank Donates \$1,000 to the Monson Free Library



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Monson, MA – Monson Savings Bank Executive Vice President and COO Michael Rouette, recently met with Hope Bodwell, Monson Free Library Director, to present her with a \$1,000 donation of behalf of the Bank. The donation was a part of the 2024 Monson Savings Bank Community Giving Initiative, where the public was given the opportunity to vote on which non-profits would receive a donation from the community bank in 2024.

"I'm thrilled to present this donation on behalf of Monson Savings Bank. The Monson Free Library makes a positive impact on the Town of Monson and the surrounding communities by providing

residents with free access to reading materials, programs, and other important resources," said Rouette. "As someone who grew up in Monson, my family, including myself and my own children, have benefitted from the town's library."

The Monson Free Library is passionate about working with the Monson community. It is a valuable resource center for people of all ages. The library is concentrated on community priorities, culture, and education. It offers educational tools through diverse collections, services, technology, and programming.

"The community voted for the Monson Free Library to receive this donation from Monson Savings Bank, which tells me how important the library is to the members of our community," said Hope Bodwell, Library Director of the Monson Free Library. "We appreciate Monson Savings' partnership and support over the years. Likewise, we are extremely grateful for the votes submitted through the Bank's annual Community Giving Initiative."

The donation will be of benefit to the Monson Free Library, a place where the public has access to valuable library programs. To learn more about Monson Free Library, please visit: https://www.facebook.com/monsonfreelibrary

Voting for the Monson Savings Bank 2025 Annual Community Giving Initiative will open in October, for updates and to learn more about the Annual Community Giving Initiative, please visit: https://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/community-giving-initiative.html

About Monson Savings Bank

Incorporated as a mutually chartered community bank in 1872, Monson Savings Bank has one of the longest tenures of service and stability in its market. Civic leaders chartered the bank with the intent to give working men and women the opportunity to save, which – incredibly, they could not do prior to the bank's inception. Today, Monson Savings Bank retains its legacy of empowerment through savings, but has expanded to serve its customers with a variety of innovative financial services, including digital banking, online mortgage applications and business banking, and commercial lending. The bank has expanded on its promise of "where people save, businesses prosper, and communities benefit" by opening offices in Hampden, Wilbraham, Ware, and most recently East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. The bank also opened a retail and business loan operations center in Wilbraham in 2020. Member FDIC, Member DIF, Equal Housing Lender

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