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### Old-new to join up at library

By Linda Lemmon  
Town Crier Editor

WOODSTOCK---What was once a library, now safely in storage, will be resurrected in West Woodstock, becoming part of the West Woodstock library addition project.

A tiny building, the John F. Williams building, which has served as a tailor shop, law office, library, and more, was built around 1825, according to research by Peter Ellsworth.

Dismantled in 1999, it was put into storage, waiting to become part of the addition to the West Woodstock Library.

Recently that project, with enough money in hand, got rolling with a groundbreaking. The West Woodstock Library Association has \$20,000 in the bank, according to association Presi-

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### Summer Color

These poppies really pop in the summer garden. (Linda Lemmon photo)

## Local pool sharks head for Vegas

By Marc Allard

It's Mecca for those who enjoy playing pool and two teams of local players are going to get a shot at a

it (win the state title), we've been in the running a couple of times but never cleared that final hurdle. We always called ourselves the bridesmaids and ~~missed the bride~~ but we finished it off

big dollars.

The nine ball team will fly out to Vegas to begin play on Aug. 19.

They will be competing for the top prize of \$100,000. The eight-ball

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# AROUND TOWN



## Groundbreaking

Left to right: Marjorie Ellsworth, Craig Tyler, Paul Lynn, Doug Hurley, Susan Conover, and Alex and Jill Walsh get the addition to the West Woodstock Library started. (Linda Lemmon photo)

## W. Woodstock Library ready to grow

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dent Doug Hurley. The group also has a \$15,000 grant coming from the Quinebaug Shetucket Heritage Corridor.

By early July, the excavation, footings and foundation should be in place for an addition to the library and for the Williams building. In July the

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## Then & Now



## Then

Connecting phone service was handled than 50 years ago. When you picked up you "number please" and when given to you. This all took place in the former... Seated, left to right, are: Jeannette A Georgia Colidge Roy Ballard, Olga Kle... Rita Ladouceur. Standing: front, R Seated, Marguerite Parent Fatsi. (Aspirin family photo)

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## Library

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Williams building will be reassembled and the building connecting the Williams to the current library will be built in August. The association is hoping that both will be weathertight by late fall.

The group has some volunteer contractors and labor, but could also use more volunteers in the construction and carpentry, Hurley said. If interested, call Gail W. White, chairman of the building committee, at 974-1875.

Hurley said that monetary donations are also welcome --- call 974-1450.

If all goes well, the library association hopes to open the addition and the Williams building in the spring. In the meantime, fund-raising activities continue. "It's an important part of our summer and fall activities," Hurley said. He added that an anonymous donor will match donated funds.

Hurley said the addition will allow the library to use its space more efficiently and a reading space will be part of the addition. The space is sorely needed. The original building was built in the 1950s and the children's wing was added in the 1970s. It's a busy library. Some 6,100 books are taken out each year and there are 350 to 400 patrons, including a heavy use by home schoolers.

The project began five years ago, but the history of the Williams building is much much longer, according to Ellsworth. When it was dismantled in 1999, it was discovered to be sitting directly on the dirt, yet most of the side boards were intact. Ellsworth's aunt had served as a librarian at the Williams building until the 1940s, Ellsworth said.

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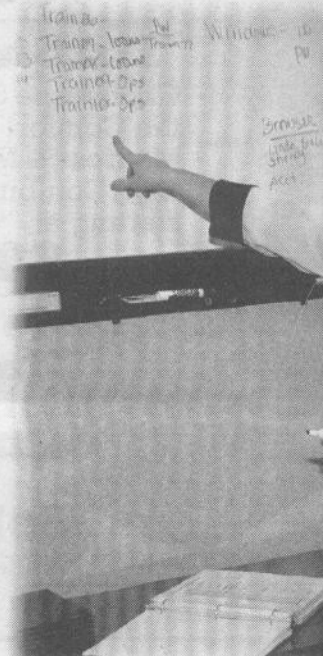
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