



A DREAM COMING TRUE — This is an architect's model of the new Clark Memorial Library and community center, which will be

located on Route 112 in Carolina. A fund-raising campaign to help cover the cost of \$150,000 project is now being conducted.

Pulling at the Grass Roots For Library Building Funds

RICHMOND — Clark Memorial Library is looking to area residents to help fund its dream of an expanded library and community center.

To avoid an effect on the tax rate, library officials are

promoting a grass roots campaign to raise about half of the \$150,000 needed to complete the project.

"We're doing as much as possible before going to the taxpayers," Wilson Lamb, chairman of the library's building committee, said.

What the library plans to do is move from its cramped quarters in the VFW Hall in Shannock to a site off Route 112 in Carolina.

The present 750 square feet of space is not enough to serve about 800 borrowers from Richmond and Charlestown, library officials said.

New quarters for the library, which will be 100 years old next year, would be housed in a 3,500 square foot, wood-framed structure designed to be "energy efficient."

Lyman Goff Associates of Mystic designed the building. The land itself has been donated by Carroll Pearson of Carolina.

Half of the construction cost may be covered by state money,

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if the library can come up with matching funds.

"The normal way to build a library is with a bond issue," Lamb said. "But we don't want that. We're trying very hard to make this a grass roots project. It only will work if the townspeople pitch in."

The library's funding committee anticipates that sources of funding will include revenue-sharing funds from Richmond and Charlestown; charitable foundations; donations from local businesses and industries; fund-raisers; individual donations; and donated services.

When the work is done, the new structure will have double the current book capacity, library officials said.

It will also include a separate children's room, administrative work room, and a meeting room which can accommodate about 50 persons that will be open at no charge to community groups.

The library hopes to announce a building schedule by summer.

Besides Lamb, the building committee includes Al Warren of Shannock and Richard Steele of Carolina.

Fund-raising is being handled by Mrs. Margaret Moone and Mrs. Debbie Warren of Shannock; Mrs. Dee Anne Lamb of Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hull of Wyoming; and Mr. and Mrs. James Loy of Usquepaug.