

Belmont Library Receives a Ramp In Eagle Project

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BELMONT A member of a local Boy Scout troop earned his Eagle Scout honor with a project which provides access for the handicapped to the town library. Sean Appleyard, 17, said that he undertook the project after talking with Gary Boisvert, town building inspector, and trustees of the library, which was built in 1927 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "I was looking for something which would benefit the community for my project, and people suggested this was something which would really make a difference," said Appleyard, who has been busy since late last year putting together all of the different parts of the project and raising money to pay for the work.

Appleyard said that the physical labor involved digging up the asphalt which had led to the library's brick steps, installing gravel to gently change the slope of the incline and then pouring the concrete and installing hand rails on both sides of the new walkway. He said that other members of Boy Scout Troop 65 pitched in to help with work under the close supervision of Scoutmaster Larry Drouin.

"He was here everytime that there was work to be done and was a real big help," said Appleyard, who said that many businesses in the community donated equipment, time and money to help make the project possible.

"Gary Flack brought in gravel and loam and T&L Concrete set up the forms," said Appleyard, who worked closely with Dawn Kidd of the library trustees to design the ramp. He said that Persons Concrete poured the cement at half of its normal cost and that All Metals Industries of **Belmont** donated \$600 worth of railing for the project.

Providian Bank's local branch donated \$400 to help offset the costs of the project said Appleyard, who raised over \$1,000 in a variety of fundraising activities to pay for the project.

Kidd, who uses a wheelchair, said that she is very pleased with the project and said that it meshes well with the existing building.