



# New Glarus Public Library

*The time has come!*

## Keeping up with a growing community

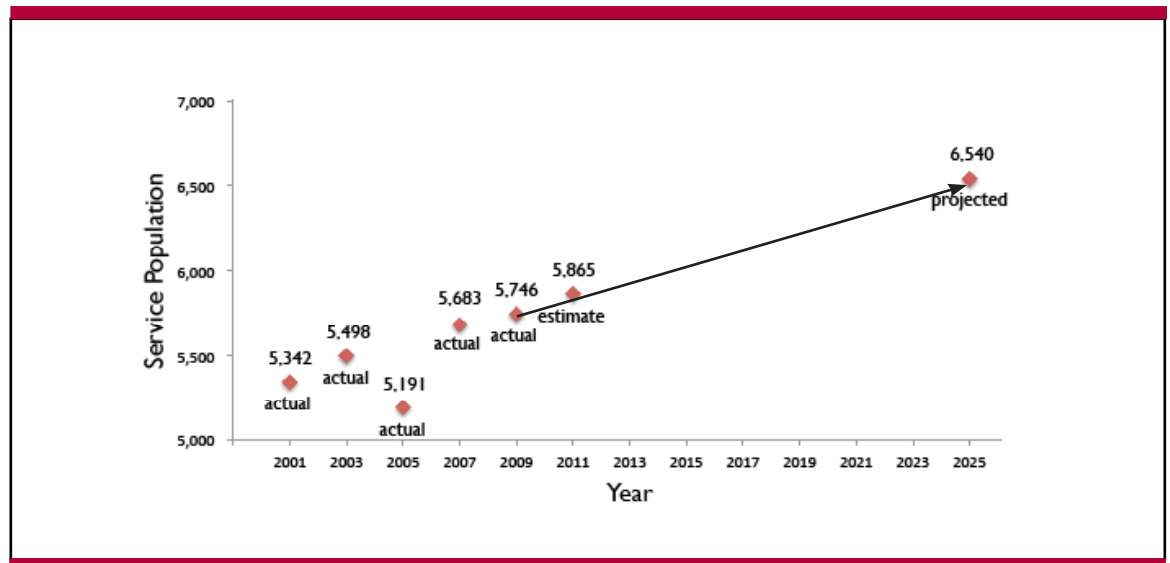
The New Glarus Public Library is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Village, Town, and the surrounding areas that choose to use it. Additionally, the library often functions as an ambassador for the community because visitors often stop by to learn about what's going on in the area.

The population the library serves is defined by an estimate called the service population. The service population is a combination of the Village and Town population, plus a percentage, based on circulation statistics, of surrounding Towns and Counties who are not already served by a library.

Service population is calculated annually, and the chart below from 2001 to 2011 clearly indicates that the service population of the New Glarus Public Library is growing, and the growth is consistent with projections done at the outset of the building process.

Everyone agrees that the current library is too small. What is evident from the chart is that construction of a new building that is undersized from the beginning will only result in additional space problems because of the clear trend toward increasing service population size. Choosing to invest in a library that supports the growing community well into the

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future makes New Glarus a more attractive place for families and businesses alike. After all, schools and libraries are the institutions of lifelong learning that offer the greatest hope for improving the lives of residents, both young and old, regardless of income or family background. In that tradition, the New Glarus Public Library has a sterling record of providing engaging and meaningful programs and collections to enrich the entire community.