

JOHN V. VAN PELT,  
ARCHITECT,  
323 FOURTH AVENUE,  
NEW YORK CITY.

May 20, 1908.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,  
2 East 91st St.,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

On March 28th I wrote you, addressing my letter to Mr. Bertram, as your secretary, in regard to the action taken by the Trustees of the Patchogue Library. Not having heard from you, I have taken for granted that you were obtaining further information on the subject. I hope you may have been willing to do this, feeling confident that you will thereby appreciate the needs of the Town, the great benefit which the Library is doing to the Town, and the qualities of the building itself.

Nevertheless, I am writing you at the present time because the deficit which I am carrying is a considerable burden on my shoulders and will shortly become heavier. In closing out the bills of the Library, I was unable to entirely cover those of E. Bailey & Sons by a cash payment, and gave them my note for \$2500.00. This note was dated March 17th and, owing to the peculiar circumstances, they agreed to let it run for three months without interest. To cover a part of the remainder of the deficit paid by me, I have had to take up a small note with my Bank, and am, of course, bearing the interest charges personally.

The Construction Company itself may shortly be called upon to do some more building of the nature for which it

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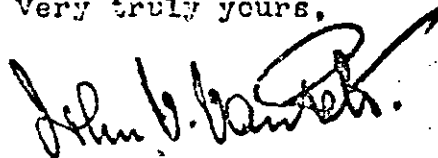
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was originally created, and, as you will appreciate, its position is not as good with Bailey as it would be if we could see a clear solution of the present matter.

The Library has continued to increase the numbers of readers in Town and is doing the work you intended it should in the best possible way. As it is known as your building, and as the deficit which we have had to meet was the result of a very earnest desire and effort on the part of the Trustees and myself to do what was for the best education of the Town, and also to get the very most we could for the money we had in hand, I still hope that you may be willing to make the further donation which will complete your gift both to the residents of Patchogue and to the Summer population.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John V. Van Pelt", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.