

What a lifesaver: New Durham Public Library has new defibrillator thanks to donations, fund-raisers

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NEW DURHAM — Firefighters will start holding training sessions for an Automatic External Defibrillator recently purchased by the Library Trustees through donations and community fundraisers.

The trustees also provided the funds for Fire Lt. Kevin Jenckes to train the library staff on the new AED, which recently arrived, according to firefighters.

It has been estimated that sudden cardiac arrests takes more than 460,000 lives in the United States each year. Approximately 80 percent of those victims were potentially treatable with an AED if reached in time. The chance of surviving cardiac arrest decreases by an estimated 7 percent to 10 percent with each minute that passes after collapse, according to firefighters.

For information on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation-AED training in town, call the New Durham Fire Department at 859-3473. Leave a message with name, phone number and request for training information and someone will return the call as soon as possible.



Courtesy photo Assistant Librarian Cathy Allyn shows off the new Automatic External Defibrillator that was purchased by the New Durham Library Trustees through donations and community fundraisers, which also will pay to train the staff at the library to use the equipment during emergencies.