

united to fire departments across the state through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. The funding will be used to provide protective gear, training and supplies to

applied for the funding with the assistance of city grant writer Nicholas Zabawsky seeking to replace a pair of existing cardiac monitors that are around 14-years-old.

"Service and parts for the existing units were becoming

Agresta said. "It's fantastic news that we were able to secure a grant for the much-needed replacement of equipment."

Fort Johnson Fire Chief Alden Miller said his agency will use the funding to fully

ment. Firefighters use the equipment while fighting fires and responding to any calls that may involve hazardous conditions, including possible carbon monoxide or chemical leaks.

outfit firefighters," he added. Both of the fire chiefs were unsure when the new equipment will arrive, saying their next steps will involve securing firm price quotes and selecting specific models to purchase.



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Headed for the top

Patty Discenza of Fort Johnson, right, and Lolalynn Robinson of Broadalbin tackle the rock-climbing wall during Direct Support Recognition Week at Liberty ARC in Amsterdam on Tuesday. The week's theme was "Best views come after the hardest climb" in recognition of a year of hard work and dedication.

AMSTERDAM

Library gets grant to cool down

Money to pay for upgrades

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The "cool factor" at the Amsterdam Free Library will receive a boost from a \$353,260 state funding award to replace the facility's air conditioning systems and related infrastructure with energy efficient hardware.

The funding was included among the \$508,140 in state funding for library construction projects distributed to five institutions in Albany, Montgomery and Ulster Counties announced this week by Sen. Michelle Hinchey, D-Saugerties.

"Libraries are the cornerstones of healthy communities, especially in our small towns and rural areas where