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Dear *Neighbor*,

I'm writing on behalf of the Williamsburg Board of Library Trustees to announce the start of this year's Annual Campaign and ask for your help in meeting our campaign goal of \$18,750.



Our busy, four-star library gives everyone in the community access to:

- A large collection of books in multiple formats, plus magazines, newspapers, and DVDs
- Free WIFI service and six public computers, with in-house technical support
- Children's programs, including LEGO Club, STEAMcraft, StoryTime, and Tween group
- A wealth of programs and talks for adults, including Burgy Bookshare and local history
- Rotating displays of artworks by local artists in the Hawks-Hayden Community Room
- Public meeting spaces, including the popular Haydenville Library venue for small groups

Did you know that the Meekins also serves as the Anne T. Dunphy School library, welcoming classes two mornings a week when school is in session? We provide curriculum materials to supplement classroom studies, encourage a love of reading, and give children the opportunity to select their own books to take home. Library director Katie Krol and her dedicated staff and volunteers make the library a special place for children of all ages.

Your tax-deductible donation helps us fund **essential** parts of the libraries' annual operating budget that are only minimally covered by the town appropriation. We especially rely on your gifts to support the state-mandated purchase of **new materials**, including fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, newspapers, audiobooks, DVDs, e-books, and downloadable videos.

What if I already gave to the Friends? Thank you! The Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries is a separate, non-profit organization that raises funds for special library programs, museum passes, and other items that supplement our basic services. We love our Friends and greatly appreciate everything they do for the libraries, but we do not rely on their contributions to help fund our operating budget.

Is there a minimum amount for a donation? Never! A gift of any size makes a big difference. With your help, our libraries can continue to provide an outstanding level of service to all members of our community. Thank you again for your support.

Best regards,

Pat Billingsley
Chair, Williamsburg Board of Library Trustees

Please send your tax-deductible check made out to *Williamsburg Libraries* to PO Box 772, Williamsburg, MA 01096-0772. In the check memo line, please write "FY2018 Annual Fund." You may also donate online at **meekins-library.org**. Thank you!