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Dear friends and neighbors,

This simple piece of paper is the library's biggest fund raiser of the year. It's the one, **because of your ongoing support**, that keeps our doors open to ever-expanding imaginative programs, ideas and opportunities for adults, children and families. It's the one that makes it possible for the community to enjoy a friendly, comfortable place to read, to listen, to relax, to play, to learn.

The Town generously provides ~75% of our operating budget, but we depend on the balance from you, our wonderful patrons. Please support the library with a donation today. Your generosity enables us to offer free vital services and programs for our community. To name a few:

- Traditional books, e-books, audio books, movies and music from all over the county and beyond to provide multiple genres and topics and authors to meet your diverse interests.
- Lively History & Biography and Bagels & Books book groups
- Popular summer "backyard" concert series and Monday Musicales
- Creative children's programs – story times, fun with puppets, after-camp activities all summer, adventure back packs, Halloween Costume Party, Gingerbread Lane, Polar Express Party and more
- New for Teens and Tweens: Dungeons and Dragons, Teen Advisory Board, and story times with the North Salem High School Warriors
- Ongoing programs for adults such as Mahjong, writing, art, knitting, and gardening
- Eclectic programs such as Sound Bath Meditation, How to Find History in Your House, Living with Bears, Managing Invasive Plants and more. We are actively collaborating with other libraries to bring you more!
- Wide-ranging author talks such as "To Dye For: How Toxic Fashion is Making Us Sick & How We Can Fight Back" to "Aftermath: The Last Days of the Baby Boom and The Future of Power in America."

The vitality in the library is tangible: programs are going live, new neighbors are coming in, innovative events are in the works, and we are excited about how to shape our future to serve you better. We are surpassing pre-covid numbers for circulation and visitors. Please make a donation today from \$5 to \$50,000 or become a sustaining supporter with a monthly donation. If you are interested in planned giving, please call us. We would love to discuss it with you.

We cannot do what we do without you. Thank you!

Warm regards,

Virginia Connolly
President, Board of Trustees