

December 8, 2018

Dear *Person's name*,



Libraries are the very essence of democracy: free and open to all, giving everyone equal access to information, and providing a space to come together as a community. This is the vital mission you help sustain when you give to the Williamsburg Libraries Annual Fund.

Your continued support is deeply appreciated. We rely on tax-deductible donations from community members like you to fund **essential parts of our operating budget** not fully covered by our town appropriation, including the state-mandated purchase of new materials. We ask for your help in meeting this year's goal of \$18,500.

It's been a busy and exciting year for Meekins Library. Our high level of use just earned us a four-star rating from Library Journal. We were one of only 10 institutions at our budget level nationwide, and the only one in Massachusetts, to earn this distinction! In addition to annually circulating tens of thousands of books in multiple formats, periodicals, and DVDs (from our own collection and by request from more than 140 associated libraries throughout the region), we provide free wifi, public computers, exhibition and meeting spaces, and a wide array of popular programs for adults and children of all ages. We also serve as the Anne T. Dunphy School library, welcoming K-6 classes, providing curriculum materials to teachers, and helping foster a lifelong love of reading. It's a lot of activity for a small town library!

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

We know your gift dollars are precious, and we value each and every one. A donation of any size to the Williamsburg Libraries Annual Fund makes a big difference. With your help, we can continue to provide an outstanding level of service to all members of our wonderful community.

Many thanks for your generosity,

Member, Board of Trustees of the Williamsburg Libraries

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 "FY2020 Annual Fund." You may also donate online at **meekins-library.org**. Thank you!

*"Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library.
The only entrance requirement is interest."* — Lady Bird Johnson