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Dear Community Friends and Supporters:

In 2020, COVID-19 impacted your library and the 38,000 families and individuals living in the communities it serves in unexpected and devastating ways. We appealed to our community for help, and you responded! We are so grateful and thankful! Your generosity last year allowed us to not only keep the library operating and paying its bills, but also to continue to serve you and slowly begin the journey toward normal operations and programming.

We aren't there yet, but we're on our way! You play a very important part in this process.

Your donation made it possible for library staff to continue to serve you in many creative ways. These include the creation of our e-bay store; our new outdoor Story Path; curbside pickup and curbside crafts; and outdoor, virtual and hybrid programs for both adults and children. It has also allowed us to continue to maintain our building and hire new staff. By December 2020, the library was open 24 hours a week and circulating almost 5,000 items each month. We are now open 42 hours a week and circulating almost 14,000 items a month. We will be returning to full operating hours in January 2022, and staff members are busy planning programs and events to better serve you in the new year!

Your donation makes a huge difference, and we hope that you will donate this year; every bit helps! A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. You can also donate online with PayPal through the library's website or during this year's 24-hour Extraordinary Give, beginning at 12am on November 19th (just go to our website and click on the Extra Give slider). As always, donations to your library are tax deductible.

Thank you for helping us to continue to serve you. We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you when you visit.

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