

Dear Friend:

The Trustees of the Durham Public Library are very excited about the future. In the months ahead it is our goal to provide you with a dynamic environment for learning, collaboration, and entertainment. And, while our goal is to engage all members of our community throughout their lifetime, we want to provide exceptional services that create an inspiring environment. We are well on our way!

In July 2013 we opened our doors at our new location, 49 Madbury Road. Since then, demand for our services has soared. Overall patron visits have increased 44%, children's circulation has risen 38.6%, while adult circulation has increased 35.3%. And, the community meeting rooms have hosted an unprecedented number of programs over the last year resulting in a whopping 110% increase.

The Children's Area engages early readers; our Young Adult Area supports collaborative learning; and our new library provides older adults with exciting new programing opportunities that facilitate meaningful social interaction.

Our Annual Appeal helps support these vital initiatives, so please consider a gift to the Durham Public Library at this time. And, while we continue to add new titles to the Library's collection of books, CDs, DVDs, eBooks and audiobooks, join us in considering other possibilities. It's been one exciting year and we expect an exhilarating 2015!

- **A gift of \$1,000 could help support an artist-in residence, a film series, a concert series, or technology/computer training for adults.**
- **\$500 might provide a computer terminal, on and off-site access to genealogy databases, or quality out-of-school children's activities such as Destination Imagination or LEGO Club.**
- **\$250 could support the purchase of e-readers, programming for older adults, or programs on important social issues such as aging, parenting, grand-parenting, health, or environmental sustainability.**
- **\$100 might support a program on bike safety, or a genealogy workshop. It would also allow us to purchase art supplies for a public program.**
- **A donation of even \$50 could help us purchase books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, or subscriptions.**

As always, we reserve the right to make the final allocation of donations, and continuing to fund our library collection is always a top priority.

Thank you for helping us enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community.

Sincerely,



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