Dear Friends,

We hope you are staying healthy and are in good spirits! We know our friends and neighbors need us now more than ever, and we are so grateful for the community that has funded, volunteered, celebrated, and advocated for the Rockingham Free Public Library for over a century. At a time when we all feel isolated, libraries help keep us informed and connected.

In responding to the new challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Library has continued to play an essential role for the community by quickly pivoting to deliver services through remote online assistance and curbside pick-up. We connected people to the local food-aid program, VT Everyone Eats and Rockingham Help and Helpers on our website. We also deployed virtual alternatives to in-person programs, provided online access with hotspot Wi-Fi devices and collections of e-books and audiobooks, and added the “Wowbrary” e-newsletter featuring titles newly added to the collection.

Many organizations and individuals like you contribute to the health of the Library by donating time, money and materials. This support helps us serve the community beyond what tax-based funding provides, helping with new collections and resources, technology, and innovative programs.

This year, public support is especially important. The challenges due to COVID-19 have meant new expenses — acrylic barriers at the circulation desks, masks, hand sanitizers, and cleaning supplies — so we can keep everyone safe while still providing outstanding library services. Can you help us in our efforts by making a gift at whatever level is comfortable for you at this time?

To donate, simply complete the enclosed form or visit rockinghamlibrary.org to make an online donation. If you would like to receive this letter by email in the future, please choose that option on the form. Without donors like you, the Rockingham Free Public Library could not be the outstanding community resource that it is.

Thank you from your Library Board of Trustees,

John Bohannon  Ellen Taetzsch  Célina Houlné

Board Chair  Board Vice-Chair  Director

The Library’s Mission is to serve as a cultural and educational center for the community, sharing diverse resources, ideas and information.

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