

A great library begins with Friends!



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Dear Library Supporter,

I am pleased to inform you that your support has helped make our library one of the best in the area. Residents are continually impressed by the friendly and helpful staff, the variety of programs, and the welcoming environment. Funding from past annual appeals has made possible many of the wonderful improvements and new services implemented by Library Director Tina Stewart and her innovative staff.

The Friends 2010 Annual Appeal funded eight laptop computers that have been used for computer classes taught by Curtis Wyant, the library's Technology Librarian. According to Library Director Tina Stewart, these introductory classes to Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel, offered free to the public, fill quickly and usually have a waiting list. She notes "the feedback from class participants has been very positive with requests for more technology based classes." Additional funds from the 2010 have been earmarked to help defray the cost of a new microfilm reader.

This year we are asking for your support to continue the library's technology initiatives. The interest and demand for e-books and e-readers is growing at a rapid pace. To meet this demand, the library is requesting funding to expand their e-book and e-reader collection. At least two of the new readers, preloaded with kid's books, will circulate in the Children's Department. Ten of the e-readers will be earmarked for teens. During the summer, these e-readers will be preloaded with the Wilmington Public Schools required reading titles. Although the technology needs are foremost, building enhancements always need to be addressed to keep the library an inviting destination. With new windows scheduled to be installed per vote of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, this is a great opportunity to replace the old broken blinds with window treatments appropriate for computer use and reading. Therefore, we also hope to raise sufficient funds for window treatments during this year's annual appeal.

I realize that these are challenging economic times. However, please know that every dollar given provides a visible benefit for all residents, making us proud to live in a community with a great public library. Remember that "A Great Library Begins with Friends."

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Kane".

Peggy Kane
Friends President