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2016 Annual Appeal

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Dear RPL Supporter,

Did you know that patrons like you have been helping to support Rockville Public Library (RPL) for its 112 year existence? When George Maxell's family built the library in 1904, they left an endowment to help cover future operating costs. Since that date, the endowment, supplemented by gifts from our patrons and other donors, has covered the majority of the costs of running the library. Around 50 years ago, the Town of Vernon began to contribute a portion of the funds that support RPL and as of 2016 provides about half of our operating costs.

2016 has been a very active year for library users. In the past year, thanks to support from people like you, RPL has enriched the lives of Vernon's children with story times, crafts, summer reading, and technology programs. Adults from all walks of life have been enlightened through their attendance at programs and the use of services such as computer classes, financial literacy programs, book discussions and job search assistance.

Because of a generous donation from a member of long-time Vernon family, we have been able to hire a Teen Librarian to start new programs and get teens engaged with the library.

Libraries are a vital community hub. Your donation supports RPL as a community hub. RPL is the go-to place for quiet reading, online studying, and enjoying fun and entertaining programs. Our connections to the schools, local businesses, community groups and the general Vernon population are stronger than ever in part because of the support from our users. Books and other traditional library services continue to be popular. The input you have given us about the programs and services you would like to see here at RPL has helped us keep up with the needs of the community for technology, education and other changing library services.

Rockville Public Library exists in a large part because of donations such as yours. As mentioned before, the endowment and our partnership with the Town of Vernon covers the majority of our costs. However, we hold fundraising events throughout the year to supplement those funds and the Annual Appeal is the biggest of those fundraisers.

Please consider a gift to the Rockville Public Library today. You can use the enclosed envelope or donate online using the Giving link on our secure web site: www.rockvillepubliclibrary.org.

Thank you again for your generosity. We wouldn't have been here for over 112 years without supporters like you.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Thomasina Clemons' and the signature on the right is 'Donna R. Enman'.

Thomasina Clemons
President, Board of Trustees

Donna Enman
Library Director

*What is more important in a library than anything else -
than everything else - is the fact that it exists.*

-Archibald MacLeish

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