



# Rockville Public Library

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## 2017 Annual Appeal

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Dear RPL Supporter,

### **Did you know that your gift to Rockville Public Library provides life-changing opportunities to people of all ages?**

In our READy for the Grade summer program, we work with children in grades K-3 who are behind, or are a serious risk of falling behind in grade level reading over the summer. *If a child is NOT reading on grade level by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and comes from a low-income family, the chances they will graduate from high school drops by at least 25%.* Our READy for the Grade program has a 90% rate of children ending the summer at or above their reading level in June! Your gift and grant funds help support this Library program.

### **Your gift to RPL pays for internet-access computers and trained staff who can assist patrons with their job search efforts.**

Unemployed adults seeking work or attempting to change jobs can no longer fill out applications or drop off their resumes at employers' sites. This process is almost exclusively done online. Applicants who are not computer literate or do not own a computer face a double barrier to employment.

### **Your gift to RPL supports program instructors and enables us to recruit and train volunteers to assist the instructors.**

Senior citizens and other adults are able to learn the latest technology for enjoyment and to maintain important connections to the community, family and friends.

**Yes, we will always have books, DVDs, magazines and online services; but we need your help to keep growing as a community hub and partner. Your gift to RPL funds these important resources as well as the materials found in the library building.**

Libraries are changing along with the rest of the world. Every day Vernon residents and business people use our online programs to learn foreign languages to compete globally, to train for exams, study for citizenship, and even to download a good book or audio book.

Our partnership with the local schools, non-profit organizations, and business community is essential to a vibrant community. A strong, vibrant community improves the lives of all its residents. We strongly need your financial support to continue our 124 year history as a resource for all Vernon residents.

**Rockville Public Library exists in a large part because of donations such as yours.**

Our endowment and our partnership with the Town of Vernon cover the majority of our costs. We also hold fundraising events throughout the year to supplement those funds. The Annual Appeal is our largest and oldest fundraisers.

**Please consider a gift to the Rockville Public Library today.** You can use the enclosed envelope or donate online using the Support>Donate link on our secure web site: [www.rockvillepubliclibrary.org](http://www.rockvillepubliclibrary.org).

**Thank you again for your generosity.** We have been here for over 124 years because of supporters like you.

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

Thomasina Clemons  
President, Board of Trustees

Donna Enman  
Library Director

***“The only thing that you absolutely have to know,  
is the location of the library.”***

– Albert Einstein

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