



Hingham Public Library

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Dear Hingham Public Library Friend,

Is the Hingham Public Library obsolete? Are libraries no longer an essential feature of public life? We hear it said that some believe libraries are declining in importance to civic life. Well, those of us who see nearly a thousand patrons daily in our beloved Library beg strongly to differ! We firmly adhere to the founding principle of the public library: to provide free, open access to our shared culture and heritage to *everyone*.

The Hingham Library is a vital, thriving organization that offers much more than print materials. From story hours for children, through the many civic meetings and educational programs for all age groups, to the large-type print and vision-limited appliances for older adults, your HPL has it all!

Did you know that our 2018 summer reading program, “**Libraries ROCK!**”, offered 100 children’s programs with attendance of 3,109 young people? Have you thought of joining **Books on Tap**, an adult book club that meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Liberty Grille? Maybe you’d like the Library to help you learn a new language with **Mango**, an online learning program, or to use your new digital device. Whether it’s a good movie, a serious lecture, a community meeting, or a musical recital, we’re here for you year round.

And you, dear reader, through your past support and continued contributions, are playing a critical role in providing our outstanding offerings. With deepest appreciation for your past support, we ask you once again to make a tax-deductible contribution, in any amount, to maintain the Library experiences that inspire and reward all our eager learners, young and old.

For those who wish to make a donation greater than \$150 (by December 31, 2018), we will thank you by holding a drawing in mid-January for a \$200 gift certificate to a Hingham restaurant of your choosing.

Very gratefully yours,

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