



Hingham Public Library

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Dear Friend,

As we move through the fall of 2021 and gradually emerge from the pandemic, we at the Hingham Public Library do not need to tell you how difficult the past 18 months have been. COVID-19 has forced all of us to change our lives and routines for safety's sake. As you know, the Library was closed to in-person visits for more than a year. We are proud of our excellent staff's heroic work during that time, providing services online and offering book and AV circulation via lobby pickup.

When the building reopened last June, you told us how much you missed the Library: the collections, programs, services, classes, art exhibits, study rooms, spaces for study and reflection, and the friendly staff. We're still wearing masks, but we are trying to make things as normal as possible.

Salaries and operational expenses are funded by the Town, but most of the core mission of the Library is funded by tax-exempt contributions and bequests plus revenue generated by the bookstore and miscellaneous sources. We are very grateful for your past support and, once again, we are asking you to remember your volunteer Board of Trustees and professional staff for all that they do. We hope you will pitch in by keeping us in your year-end giving plans, to help us keep the Hingham Public Library the jewel of the community.

Note that we enter the names of those who donate more than \$150 (before December 31) into a January 19 drawing. The winner will receive a \$200 gift certificate to a Hingham business of their choosing.

Stay tuned for info about an event called Beyond the Books scheduled for May 13, 2022. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of the Library.

With profound gratitude, the Library family sends you best wishes for a healthy and happy 2022.

Sincerely yours,

Lucy Hancock

Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Trustee