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Dear Friend,

As we enter our second year at the 49 Madbury Road location, the Durham Public Library continues to thrive! From July 2014 to June 2015 the DPL witnessed heightened levels of visitors, circulation, and program attendance. We attracted 867 *new* patrons, while there were more than 68,000 patron visits overall! Clearly, our expanded facility has allowed us to increase capacity and better serve the Durham community.

As a community committed to learning, we value the many opportunities the DPL provides to our children to improve their reading ability and social skills. We value the opportunity for adults to satisfy their curiosity about our rapidly changing world. And, we value the "sense of place" our library provides that brings our community together. Indeed, our library is a very special place.

Over the past year, the Trustees of the Durham Public Library have worked to meet community needs and establish funding priorities in order to make the most of limited resources. With this shared vision, we recognize and understand the need to augment the operating funds provided by the town. To that end, our Annual Fund provides the revenue that adds new titles to the Library's collection of books, CDs, DVDs, eBooks and audiobooks, as well as programming. Without charitable contributions, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to increase our library's holdings, sponsor engaging programming and otherwise meet the expectations of our community.

Please consider a generous gift to the Durham Public Library at this time:

- **\$1,000 helps support a guest author, a film series, a concert series, a "maker space" for creating, inventing and learning or an "app station" where patrons could try out educational or recreational apps prior to purchase or download.**
- **\$500 helps provide technology/computer training for adults, public programs, or the purchase of LEGO Robotics or LEGO Contraption kits for children.**
- **\$250 helps support the purchase of e-readers, board games, or foreign language kits.**
- **\$100 supports supplies for a public program.**
- **And even \$50 could help purchase new books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, or subscriptions.**

Thank you for helping us ensure the Durham Public Library continues to effectively serve the growing needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Jenna Roberts
Chair