

Lanpher Memorial Library  
141 Main Street, P.O. Box 196  
Hyde Park, VT 05655



# Lanpher Memorial LIBRARY

2023-2024 Annual Appeal

Dear Friends,

Once again with this letter we are asking you to contribute to our tax-deductible 2023-2024 Annual Appeal for additional funds to support our library's many services and improvements. Our library, cool in summer and warm in winter, is one of our town's most stable institutions open to all year round.



The past four years, beginning with the pandemic and its lockdowns and isolation for so many in our aging community, have been a real stress test of our area's unity and resilience, especially this year's catastrophic flooding and widespread losses. Throughout it all, one thing has been manifestly clear: our local institutions--private, public, and nonprofit--have served us well and will continue to do so.

Private businesses rooted in our towns rose to the occasion and added to their good will, and so the hospital had water and could stay open, while other local businesses provided drinking water and shared food.

Public services continued, the library again proving itself a necessary resource, its print circulation and other services steady throughout.

Local nonprofits--neighbors helping neighbors--are especially able to target those immediately in need. In an act of real leadership and collegial librarianship, Library Director Amy Olsen offered Johnson Public Library users library privileges at our library until theirs is back to full service.

Meanwhile progress continues within and around the library. Outdoor WiFi access has expanded, the picnic table now on the front lawn, and the alcove under the awning on the Church Street side of the library--now called the Nook--enlarged to include a bench for outside work. In addition to running a full service library, Library Director Amy Olsen and her able staff, Assistant Director Ruth Hay and Circulation Director Christi Dussault, exercise due diligence in overseeing the maintenance needs of the library itself. We are proud of the institution the Town of Hyde Park has built in the last century.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees: *Melanie Dickinson, Jim Noyes, Kim Austin Puleio, Robert (Sigh) Searles, Ann Spearing, Jo-Anne Ring, and Elliott Buelter, with Trustee Emeritus Ken Geiersbach*

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