



# NORMAN WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Dear Patron,



You may have seen the scaffolding around our beautiful, historic building this summer and fall. We are pleased to report that our stone building has been completely repointed - a regular maintenance operation where failing mortar between each exterior stone is chipped away and replaced. Our project is a complete success, and was particularly intricate and costly, but necessary work. The project costs exceed \$400,000. Much of the expense will be paid for through two substantial grants, funding from our Building Reserve account and our operating budget. Going forward, with your help we will continue to provide our



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outstanding programming. Won't you please consider a donation during this unusually pressing time?

Thanks to your generous support and our committed and creative staff, the Library is more appreciated and popular than ever before. Our programs and services are thriving and the NWPL continues to provide a welcoming location for all ages to meet, share, and connect.

The Norman Williams Public Library, whose services are available to all at no charge, is not a fully-funded municipal library. **Each year, nearly two-thirds of the NWPL's operating budget must come from fundraising. Please help us maintain our services with your donation today.**

In addition to helping us to fund the needed repairs, donations to our Annual Appeal provide salaries for our staff of knowledgeable librarians, technical support for visitors of all ages, programs for children and adults, books and publications and countless other services. Through your support, many of our statistics are among the best in all Vermont public libraries. This past year alone:

- Nearly 74,000 people came through our doors, including more than 9,000 last month alone - and it is likely our librarians spoke with each and every one of them!
- 52,500 books were checked out
- 1,400 children and caregivers visited preschool story time
- 3,500 children attended after-school programs
- Nearly 1,500 books were added to our collections

To sustain and grow these levels of support for our community, we need your contributions more than ever. Each year the library becomes a more central part of the lives of residents across our greater Woodstock community. Won't you please consider a gift to our 2024 year-end appeal to support the Norman Williams Public Library?

As always, the staff and trustees thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Tom List

Clare McFarland

It's easy to include the NWPL in your will. Please ask us how.

Make your secure contribution now.



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