



# NORMAN WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Dear Patron,

The Norman Williams Public Library is your community library. We provide access to literature, promote the love of reading, foster the free exchange of ideas, and serve as a gathering place for all Woodstock area residents. Most importantly, all visitors are treated with respect by knowledgeable, considerate library professionals in a warm, community-centered environment.



Our library, whose programs and services are available free to all, is a not-for-profit library with only a portion of our budget coming from the town. **Each year, more than two-thirds of the library's operating budget must come from grants and private donations.** Unfortunately, much grant funding we have relied upon in the past is no longer available due to recent executive orders cutting all federal funding to the Institute of Museum and Library Services which supports museums and libraries nationwide.

Vermont Attorney General Charity Clark, who also serves as chair of the board of her local library, summed up the effects of this change, "I know how important Vermont's town libraries are to children, job seekers, elders and all of us. Vermonters know that libraries are the heart of our towns and rural communities and this executive order would threaten their continued health."



We hope that you will support our important work with a donation to help us successfully end our 2025 fiscal year on June 30. Your contribution helps us to touch thousands of lives of all ages, and ensures that your library can offer state-of-the-art programs and services for years to come, remaining a vital community center for lifelong learning.

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

Sincerely,

Tom List  
President of the Board of Trustees

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