Dear Friend:

If you haven’t been to Greenwich Library recently, please stop by!

We recently began work on the Reimagining of the Main Building at 101 West Putnam Avenue. Like a giant jigsaw puzzle, some collections are being relocated or temporarily moved off-site as areas are blocked off to make way for the construction crew. When completed in late 2020, this transformative project will increase and enhance spaces for study, collaboration, and programming, create a light and inviting café adjacent to the courtyard with a new, improved-access entrance, and ensure that the Library continues to be the educational and cultural center of this dynamic town.

During the renovation, we will continue to offer a variety of programs and services in alternate spaces in the building, in the branches, as well as with our community partners.

Please remember; the Town of Greenwich only pays for the Library’s core operating expenses. Gifts made through the Annual Appeal make possible the top-quality programs and services for which our Library is known. We were recently named a five-star Library by Library Journal for the tenth year in a row!

As the enclosed booklet describes, when you donate to the Annual Appeal, you become a Friend of the Greenwich Library and you are helping connect people with the world of ideas and information while providing opportunities for learning and entertainment for the entire community.

We hope you will continue to support this level of excellence.
With gratitude for your generosity.

Rob Marks          Hilary Martin Lea
President, Board of Trustees       Chairman, Friends of Greenwich Library
Greenwich Library: Bringing People, Information, and Ideas Together

Annual Campaign 2019-2020
Greenwich Library provides a welcoming place for everyone in the community to gather and share experiences; equal access for all—all for free.

The Library prepares young children for school, teens for college and careers, and employees and entrepreneurs for success in the workplace. With over 100 different subject areas, many available in physical and digital formats, the Library’s collection has something for everyone. As the center for education and culture, the Library’s high-quality programming enriches the life of every Greenwich resident.
The Library is a hub for people looking to change or advance their careers or start a business. From the Bloomberg Terminal, a powerful computer software resource that brings together real-time data on all financial markets, to resources like JobNow, a unique online service that features expert resume assistance, live interview prep, and career coaching, the Library is the place to be in Greenwich for career development.

Over the past year, the Library’s music offerings included a classical pianist, a jazz pianist, a big band playing music of the 20’s and 30’s, tango music from Argentina, a jazz trio with vocalist, a string quartet, and an opera concert.

But these exceptional musical events were not all!

In collaboration with organizations such as Women Owned Greenwich, with whom the Library hosted Roger McNamee, author of Zucked: Waking up to the Facebook Catastrophe and SCORE, which holds classes such as “How to Start a Non-Profit”, the Library’s workshops and lectures complement and extend the learning experience.
Your Impact

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A few highlights from last year:

- More than 1,400 children and teens strengthened their reading skills through the Summer Reading Program
- Over 2,080 people attended business programs and approximately 80,000 accessed the Library’s databases to build their future
- 6,000 people of all ages were part of a community-wide experience – Greenwich Reads Together
- Approximately 17,000 people attended performances and lectures in the Auditorium – the center for education and culture in Greenwich