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Dear Friend,

As the days lengthen and the temperatures rise, I find myself reflecting on the warmth and generosity that define our close-knit community. It's this spirit of togetherness and shared purpose that makes me incredibly grateful to count you among our supporters.

I hope you had the chance to share your dreams and aspirations for the Kennebunk Free Library in our recent Strategic Plan Survey. **Your input, along with that of nearly 500 others, is shaping the very foundation of our strategic vision.** Your ideas, your hopes, and your voice guide us as we craft a roadmap to ensure that the library not only meets the needs of today but anticipates and addresses those of tomorrow.

Picture it... our community united in a shared journey of discovery and growth. This is the essence of our forthcoming strategic plan—a blueprint designed to enhance our services, foster connection, and ignite a passion for lifelong learning. And we invite you to join us on this transformative journey.

At the heart of our vision lies the growth of the Kennebunk Free Library—a vision that has taken a significant step forward thanks to your unwavering support. With the acquisition of 1 Fletcher Street in August 2023, adjacent to our current location, we've unlocked new possibilities for growth and innovation. **This milestone would not have been possible without you and the countless donors who have generously supported KFL over many years.**

We are so excited and grateful to have this additional space and it's fun to dream about how it could be used. Here are some of the terrific ideas community members have offered so far:

Cooking space

Friends of KFL bookstore

Flexible meeting rooms

Multi-function spaces

Quiet study areas

Community gatherings/rentals

Archives

Makerspace

Game rooms

Staff offices

Expand the Library of Things

Storage

Remote workspace

Craft space

Larger program space

Café

And we want to hear from you! What ideas resonate with you? What visions do you have for our expanded library?

Your investment in the Kennebunk Free Library today is an investment in the heartbeat of our community tomorrow and for years to come. And there's no better way to deepen that impact than by joining our Monthly Sustainers Circle. Your recurring donations not only sustain our ongoing efforts but also empower us to dream boldly and plan ambitiously for the future.

Why Give Monthly?



It's easy.

Automate your gift using your bank account or credit card. After you plug-in your information the first time, you won't be bothered again!



It's affordable.

Tailor your payments to what makes sense for you and your budget. Plus, you can change your donation amount at any time!



It's sustainable.

Monthly gifts are extremely impactful. They sustain our day-to-day operations! Your gifts will make a difference every day, all year long.

Join our Monthly Sustainers Circle today and you will help us reach our goal to welcome 25 new monthly donors to the KFL giving family. Visit www.kennebunklibrary.org for quick and easy set-up. Have questions? Give me a call at 207-985-2173 or stop by KFL for in person assistance.

Your generosity is the cornerstone of our success. With your support, we aim to raise \$250,000 by June 30, 2024, to supplement municipal appropriations from the towns of Kennebunk and Arundel. Every dollar brings us closer to our goal and closer to realizing our shared vision.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Kennebunk Free Library. Your support fuels our passion, drives our mission, and transforms our community—one story at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Michelle K. Conners, Director

P.S. Donating online is easy and secure at www.kennebunklibrary.org. Click on the "Give Now" tab to make a one-time donation or **set up a monthly donation and increase your impact!** *Thank you!*