

The FRIENDS

David & Joyce Milne Public Library



December 1, 2018

Dear Friends and Community Members ---**WHAT A YEAR!**

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Since last year there have been many changes and new activities at the Library and with the Friends. It is only with your ongoing support, whether as a volunteer or financial supporter, that so much has been accomplished.

Look at this list:

- The Friends' annual membership drive ended in November. With your generous donations, the drive matched last year's campaign.
- With the leadership of Marisa Daley, Cornelia Alden, and many others, April's annual book sale was a huge success, both as a festive community event and in matching the prior year's revenue for the Library.
- With your support of the Friends, the Trustees were successful in launching their renovation campaign and construction in November.
- The Trustees and the Friends finalized arrangements for use of the former Williamstown Historical Museum space. We call it "The Friends' Space" and volunteers have settled in sorting book donations and are planning book-related events and sales for 2019.
- The Friends have been honored to receive a grant from the Henry and Mary Flynt Grant Program administered by the Williamstown Community Chest. This will enable us to continue our ongoing support of Library needs. We have also received many significant individual financial and in-kind donations for Chapter Two Books on Spring Street.
- **Speaking of which, finally,** the Friends of the Milne Public Library has opened **Chapter Two Books**, a new secondhand bookstore on Spring Street! This will promote our mission and allow the Friends to provide substantial financial support to the library.

We are grateful for members like you who choose to support the public library. Such tax-deductible donations help us to continue underwriting expenses not covered by town, state, or Trustee funding. I hope you will consider extending your support with a year-end membership gift of any amount during this holiday season.

Finally, regardless of whether you can make a membership donation, I hope you will join us, whether as an "Old" Friend' or a "New" Friend, at our Annual Meeting and board election on Wednesday, December 12th, 7 pm at the Library. We look forward to seeing you! Our best to you and your family in this holiday season.

Sincerely

Michael Sussman, President

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