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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library – Coventry’s public library – offers a wide variety of services including materials to check out, Wi-Fi and internet accessible computers, technology assistance, parent and teacher resources, reference help, inter-library loan, home-bound delivery, museum discount passes, programs for all ages, and more – **all for free!** We hope that everyone who visits the library finds something here to enjoy.

We are pleased to report that library use has been growing! Over the last two years we issued 932 new library cards, expanded our outreach programs, and had the highest circulation since 2019. Visits to the library increased by 23 percent, and program attendance increased 17 percent. Programming is a critical component of library services, and over the last year we offered 285 programs with over 9,500 people participating.

Despite being a keystone service and accounting for 19% of our annual visitation, ***funding for programming makes up less than 1% of our annual operating budget.*** In an effort to enhance our programming, we are dedicating a portion of this year’s membership drive to the establishment of a program enrichment fund, ensuring our ability to provide outstanding programs for years to come. This fund will be used to pay for programs that go above and beyond our standard offerings, as recommended by staff and approved by the Library Board of Trustees.

Would you please consider renewing your membership or becoming a member of the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library? Your membership helps to support the library’s mission of providing informational, educational, cultural, and creative resources to the community. To donate, please make **checks payable to Booth & Dimock Memorial Library**, or make a **Venmo** or **PayPal** **donation @BDMLibrary**. All donations are tax deductible.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our new and existing donors - thank you for supporting one of Coventry’s most beloved institutions! We look forward to another exciting year of growth and development at our library.

Sincerely,

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library Trustees:

*Joseph Jankowski, Tim Timberman, Elizabeth Parda,
Jacob Orcutt, Carolyn Arabolos, Cory Chilberg,
Richard Pearson, Claire Twerdy, and Kathleen Willett*

