

Libraries of Foster

December 11, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Here at your friendly neighborhood library, we are always happy to welcome you and help you leave the library richer than when you came. We are a gathering place, a home for exploration, a jumping-off place for a new job, a safe place for tots to teens to gather, and a haven for creativity. **We offer so much to this small community.**

It has been an exciting year at The Libraries of Foster. More than 1,000 Foster residents now have library cards, and the libraries were visited over 12,000 times. Books and printed materials are still very popular and we loaned out in excess of 16,131 titles this year. Ezone, with its audio and digital books and online videos that stream on any smart device, has continued to increase in popularity. There were over 4,200 checkouts of digital materials to Foster cardholders.

The Town of Foster is our major source of revenue and, **while we use these funds carefully, it is not enough.** We rely on donations from people like you to hire performers, hold special events, and add to our collection. Your past generosity has made programs like the Summer Reading Program, Easter in the Valley, the Fall Festival, after-school programming, book clubs, and craft classes possible. Nearly 3,220 people of all ages came to one or more of our programs. We were able to add over 1,500 new items to our collections thanks to you. **Your generous support makes this possible.**

Please return the lower portion of this letter with a check made out to "Libraries of Foster Annual Appeal", **OR consider increasing the impact of your donation by signing up online to become a sustaining donor** at www.fosterlibraries.org/donate. By using a PayPal account, you can support the programs and services you have come to love with a recurring monthly sum. As always, your donations are tax-deductible, and you can stop the monthly donation or change the amount at any time.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,



Karen Mueller
Board President
The Libraries of Foster

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I would like to support The Libraries of Foster with a donation of _____

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I would like to receive the library program newsletter by email YES NO

Please mail checks to The Libraries of Foster, 184 Howard Hill, Foster, RI 02825 *Thank you!*