



HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

November 1, 2021

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your incredible support during another incredible year. Whether you borrow library materials, enjoy programs, access technology and resources, donate your time or money, or spread the word about library services, your commitment to uplifting the library helps maintain our vital community, a place where we are truly proud to live, work, and learn. We hope that you'll consider a donation to Highland Park Public Library this year to aid in expanding and uplifting service throughout our community.

For the past two years, library staff has continually pivoted to successfully and safely provide exceptional service, remaining centered on sharing resources and information and connecting with residents. And, of course, just as we are *finally* seeming to recover from pandemic restrictions and staff shortages, the library building suffered significant water damage in the weeks following Hurricane Ida in September 2021. We are now navigating roof repair and restoration to our walls, electrical, and flooring, and exploring how to take advantage of the opportunity for interior improvements. Your support is invaluable during challenging times!

The dollars you are able to commit today will be multiplied many times over in assisting with our dedication to purchasing print, media, and electronic books and resources, providing technology improvements, and enhancing unique programs and services for residents of all ages. This year, we were able to re-join the Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC), resulting in an expanded catalog of materials from 33 local libraries and increased digital content through eLibrary/Libby and Hoopla; install a more efficient VOIP telephone service; plan for improvements to our landscaping and long-term care and maintenance of library grounds; and successfully increase diversity and representation in our collections, programming, and staffing.

For whatever you are able to contribute, please know you have the genuine appreciation and gratitude of the Highland Park community for supporting the essential and positive role the library plays as a safe space, a trusted resource, and the heartbeat of our community. You can support us by check (to: 31 N 5th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904) or online at paypal.me/hpplnj.

Sincerely,

Helen Rovner
President, Library Board of Trustees

Kate Jagers
Director of Library Services