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Dear Local Partner:



An important part of our mission at Wood Library is providing services that people need to thrive. The pandemic exposed how difficult it is to learn and work from home when you don't have the right tools or dependable internet service. It forced us to reimagine library services and all of the ways we connect with and support our patrons.

Over the past year, we have embraced technology and social media to create and share hundreds of virtual programs, reaching a broader audience than ever before. Funds were redirected for more digital content. We offered free digital library cards, making it easier for people to borrow materials. We raised funds to purchase and install external wireless access points so people can connect to the internet whenever they need it from anywhere on our property. And, we purchased additional WiFi hotspots for people to borrow. All of this was done to make life a little easier for people during a difficult time and bridge the digital divide.

Although it is starting to feel like we've turned a corner and the worst of the pandemic is behind us—we are committed to meet people where they are and provide the essential digital services they need and count on.

This is where you can be of great help to us!

Wood Library's Digital Dash is a month-long virtual challenge to raise funds in support of Wood Library's digital services. Our goal is to raise \$8,200 which will fund digital services such as *hoopla digital*, a new digital streaming service for library patrons, downloadable audiobooks and eBooks, the hotspot program, and free WiFi in and around the building.

We are challenging people to run, walk, swim, bike, or paddle during the month of June to support Wood Library. People of all ages can participate from anywhere in the world and when it's convenient for them.

Fundraising revenue supports more than one-third of the library's operating budget. Your sponsorship will help us expand access to the digital services that people need and bridge the digital gap.

A sponsorship form is enclosed. A volunteer will be in touch soon to follow up and answer any questions you have.

Thank you for joining us in this initiative.

Sincerely,

Jenny Goodemote  
Executive Director