

William B. Ogden Free Library

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Dear Friend of the Library,

We are looking at a bright future!

When I recently saw those words, I immediately thought of the library, and where we are heading. In April, we were bequeathed a generous \$412,000. After much careful homework, we—the Board of Trustees—invested that money in an account to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of our historic building. Some of the interest from that investment is currently and will be used for new programs and building projects.

This money came at a time of great need. Certain maintenance issues that had been put off over the years had begun to demand immediate attention. During the course of this fall's exterior stonework restoration and cleaning project, it was discovered that the library's south chimney had major structural problems that had to be remediated. This surprise cost the library approximately \$20,000. We have applied for grants to help cover that unexpected cost, but we have received no word on them at this time.

So while we have received this bequest, it doesn't mean that we don't need your continued support. Our director is planning new programs for the coming year; and the Grant Rogers Project is about to launch an exciting, interactive website. We are in the planning stages for a construction grant proposal to help replace leaky windows and doors. Finally, we want to purchase the new books you want to read and increase and update our audio book collection. Your financial contributions are very important to us.

Please help us continue to achieve our mission of enriching the literary and cultural lives of our community members and preserving the integrity of the historic library building. The Board of Trustees and I thank you in advance for your contributions.

Sincerely,



Robbie-Jean Rice
President, Board of Trustees

I/we, _____, would like to give _____ to the library this year.

I would like to volunteer at the library. Contact me at _____

Please send a receipt for tax purposes ____