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Dear Friend,

The Gafney Library is truly our local place to gather, learn and grow. Our mission is to serve ALL of the residents of Wakefield and Brookfield; whether young or not so young, fulltime or part time, providing the services you need and want. As a public library we may be best known to some of our patrons for lending books, audio books and movies. We certainly deliver in this area. Yet the Gafney is a whole lot more.

The Gafney Library is first and foremost about education, dedicated to serving all age groups and interests. This is a foundation we need to build on for the future.

Early learning experiences at the Gafney in our Youth Library are second to none. The children's programs are driven by Diane Cassidy and Susan Dansereau with amazing energy and creativity. Just a few of the activities include birth to preschool at the library for parents and little ones; music and rhythm for school children; Makerspace area; Lego Club and a Teen Advisory Board. We've recently added a new library website, [www.gafneylibrary.org](http://www.gafneylibrary.org) which is loaded with resources for all ages. More of these youth programs are listed there.

The Gafney Library Adult Learning Center is also a star performer. The professional and dedicated staff delivers great tutoring to help local residents improve their lives by obtaining a high school equivalency certificate or learning a wide range of other adult basic educational skills. There is also a career counselor on board to help with resume development and job, internship and scholarship hunting.

You have no doubt heard something of our plans to expand the library. There is a clear need for more and better space to deliver the programs all of you want and need. We have done our homework and planning well, and will be rolling out the expansion efforts beginning in 2017. Stay tuned!

Each year at this time we come to you, our friends and supporters, to ask for your help to extend our reach and provide the services you deserve. As a private library not owned by the towns, we depend on contributions from our Annual Appeal for a critical ten percent of our operating expenses. Our goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$12,000.

Our success in providing the best depends on your generosity. **Please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation. Every gift helps!** Your gift is not only an investment in the Gafney Library's programs but an investment in your community. Your gift will have an even larger impact if your current or former employer has a matching gift program. Please check and see if you have this option.

With thanks and appreciation,

Dick DesRoches, President  
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