

Dear Neighbor,

We have all been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in our community. As the situation continues to evolve, we all must adapt. You may be teleworking, helping your children with a hybrid learning environment, caring for or missing loved ones, or struggling with the loneliness and anxiety that comes with the disruption to our normal lives. Whatever you are going through, we hope that you are finding ways to stay connected and healthy in this time of stress and uncertainty. We hope there is some small comfort in knowing that you are not going through this alone.

When the pandemic forced the library to close its doors in March 2020, we turned our attention to ways in which we could continue to fulfill our mission, which is **to provide materials**, **space**, **access**, **and opportunities for members of the community to learn and discover; to enrich their lives and further their personal goals; and to engage with others in a comfortable environment**. While we miss seeing your faces in the library, we are heartened that so many of you have accessed our collections online and through curbside pickup, connected with your neighbors through our virtual programming, and found entertainment in our grab 'n' go craft bags.

Your past support of the library has meant a great deal to us and has played a major role in our success. Now more than ever, the library needs your help. *Your generous tax-deductible gift to the Trustees of the Northborough Free Library will help the library to provide materials that will:*

- Promote early childhood literacy
- Relieve stress and improve mental health
- Provide critical health and wellness information
- Assist job seekers and small businesses

As we look ahead to this new year, we anticipate more challenges and continued innovations as we emerge from this pandemic. The library will need to reassess services, collections, and physical spaces as we merge traditional services with virtual offerings. With your support, we can confidently meet these challenges and continue to connect, engage, and inspire the community.

To donate, simply fill out the enclosed card and make your check payable to the Trustees of the Northborough Free Library, or go to <u>www.northboroughlibrary.org</u> and click on "Donate."

Thank you for continuing to make the Northborough Free Library the heart of the community. Your resilience, humanity, and compassion for your neighbors makes this town a beautiful place to work and live. We sincerely look forward to the day when our doors reopen, and the library is once again a vibrant and busy place.

Sincerely,

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