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Dear Friends,

The Westport Public Library needs your support.

We *always* need the community's support to maintain our position as one of the premier libraries in New England. Yes, the Town of Westport provides 80% of our funding; however, for the balance we count on the generosity of patrons like you.

This year we need your support more than ever.

Library usage has absolutely soared in the past year. Book and video circulation and program attendance have all increased by **double digits**. Even questions for our incredible team of research librarians have increased exponentially, especially in the areas of the economy and jobseeking.

We couldn't be prouder of serving our community. And it has been contributions from people like you that helped us respond to the 1600+ people who enter our doors each day! But increased demand creates an even greater need for support. We want to continue to provide you with the wide range of services and programs that you expect, as well as remain your community gathering place *seven days a week*.

Please consider giving a donation with the enclosed card. Or, if you prefer, donate securely online at [www.westportlibrary.org](http://www.westportlibrary.org).

With your support we can continue to soar!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Aasen".

Martha Aasen  
President, Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maxine Bleiweis".

Maxine Bleiweis  
Library Director

P.S. Gifts to the Library can also be designated in someone's honor. Call 203-291-4824 for details.