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Dear Friends of the Jones Library System:

We are grateful to acknowledge the enclosed list of over 1,000 donors who gave to the Friends of the Jones Library System—to its Annual Fund in 2021-2022, and to its Capital Campaign since its inception. Here are some of the reasons they have been willing to help us preserve the extraordinarily important presence of the Library in our community.



"One of my tutors has been working with a young Vietnamese newcomer on basic English communication skills for about a year now. She just sent me a detailed report about helping him, over the last week, get his car registered and then get to the Literacy Project for an intake for GED classes this fall, with a related career planning discussion. And then she wrote something that just took my breath away: '[KL] confided that he felt like his American life started on that day.'"

**-Lynne Weintraub, ESL & Citizenship Coordinator**



"On a fine September evening, just as the Amherst Block Party was winding down, I was getting ready to take down the Friends' table and call it a night when I observed a small group of 12 year olds approaching in search of what they called 'free stuff.' Fortunately, there were still lollipops on offer, which were cheerfully accepted. One boy, lingering after the others left, held out his hand, said 'I want to donate to The Friends,' deposited \$2, and drifted off, lollipop in hand, into the gloaming. His name is unknown, but he is gratefully thanked."

**-Nancy Campbell, President Friends of the Jones Library**



"Libraries make community. The Jones Library is one of Amherst's unique warm spots, drawing people together in the face of so much that tries to break us apart. That is why I'm proud to donate to the Jones and to support the building project."

**-Michael Ponsor**



"Having lived in Amherst for over five decades, I can readily affirm that the Jones Library—our local, public library—is a genuine treasure. I've never sought assistance from any staff person there who was less than eager to help me. And apart from getting answers to questions and borrowing books, music and films, I have over many years enjoyed my quiet times at the Jones—browsing among its well chosen periodicals, or viewing works by local artists in the Burnett Gallery, or attending an occasional reading or talk. Because the Jones has meant so much to me these past fifty years, I can easily imagine how much an expanded and renovated Jones Library will mean to any curious young person who steps through its iconic doorway."

**-James Leheny**



"The Burnett Gallery at the Jones Library (like most public libraries in the area) provides a central and pleasant space for local artists to display their visual interpretations of the world for the consideration of their colleagues and strangers -- to meet, to discuss, to socialize (and sometimes to actually buy). The Burnett may be the first place for budding artists to show off their work. Personally, back in 1983, I showed some of my photographs in the Burnett, and served for many years on the committee that manages the monthly displays. The Burnett has always had the strong support of the Library Director and weathered the Covid pandemic with beautiful virtual shows."

**-Arthur Mange**



"We are honored to support the Jones Library in its efforts to spread the fruits of learning and thought across our community. Our thanks for making it a valued, treasured resource open to all."

**-Eugenia and Jim Collins**

We hope you will join them again this year by making your own gift to the Friends Annual Fund.

*Lee Edwards*

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*Kent Faerber*

Kent W. Faerber

Co-Chairs, Development Committee



## **Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Jones Library System**

**November 14th, 2022**

5:30pm

All Friends of the Jones Library System are invited to attend. Anyone who has donated to the Friends in the past 12 months is a Friend.

Zoom link available upon request.

Please email

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At this special time, the Jones Library needs support for two different purposes. The **Annual Fund** is just that; an annual appeal that supports the operations of the Library each year. It pays for the terrific programs that make the Jones so uniquely valuable to the Town. The **Capital Campaign** is a one-time-only campaign that helps pay for the building project that will provide a 21st Century facility for all of these services. As important as this project is to the future of the Library, we hope you will contribute to the Annual Fund as well so the Library can continue to provide the services that are so important to us.