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Dear Name,

The Lancaster Public Library (LPL) is so much more than books, although we certainly have those! For more than 260 years, LPL has served the community providing books and programming, and continually evolving to meet the current needs of our community. That includes providing free computer and internet access, adult computer classes, literacy programs for children and teens, and STEM opportunities for all.

Throughout the pandemic lockdown, LPL's e-books, grab bags, and responsible pick-up services helped many get through the challenges of social isolation. Now that it's time to, once again, engage with the world around us, the library can help us with that, too. As we enter a new phase, many people are seeking to reconnect in new ways. Our newest Friends of LPL Board Member, Danielle Godfrey summarizes it perfectly:

"Books have always been an escape for me, the library a sense of community. Filled with individuals and families gathering to envelop themselves into someone else's story. When COVID-19 hit and isolation quickly followed, books were there when people couldn't be. Joining LPL as a volunteer and member of the Friends Committee has, for me, brought that community back into my life. All of us, much like the books lining the shelves, have a story. And I'm grateful for this space that brings us all together through the joy of books."

No matter how the environment changes around us, the Lancaster Public Library remains a stable force serving the community. The Library offers substantive and critical services to the public at no charge thanks largely to people like YOU. More than half of the library's operating budget is generated solely from community support. Of that amount, the Friends raise more than \$200,000 annually through book sales - including the Annual BIG Book Sale, two used book stores, membership fees, and beloved events such as the Baubles & Bling Sale. The enclosed brochure provides more information about the Friends, how we support our Library, and how you can be part of our efforts as a member and/or volunteer!

We invite you to join the Friends, or to renew your membership. Your one time or sustained gift helps the Library refresh and preserve its collection and develop programming, while representing your personal investment and contribution to our local community. Membership is a great way to show your support for Lancaster Public Library and, as a Friend, you will be able to enjoy special Friends-only perks as a thank you for your generosity to the library.

In friendship,

Barbara Mahaffey
President, Friends of the Lancaster Public Library

P.S. Just in time for fall planting season, shop with BloomBox from August 22-September 19, use code LANCLIBRARY at checkout, and Lancaster Public Library will receive 15% of your order total. Get started at www.getblooming.com.