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We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy, in good spirits and coping well with the challenges, frustrations and blessings that come with a pandemic! “Blessings” is an odd descriptor for our times, yet, we find ourselves looking more closely at and appreciating what truly brings joy, simplicity, and contentment to our lives these days.

If there is anything we have learned since the Library closed its doors mid-March, it’s that the EPL does, indeed, add these values to our community. We hear daily how much the Library means to our patrons. From emails and cards to poems, videos and telephone calls, there is a constant stream of gratitude that lifts us up and makes us proud that we responded immediately and creatively to the needs of our patrons. We continue to provide materials, access to services and technology, support for schools, reference and readers advisory, and a dynamic roster of virtual programs for patrons of all ages and interests. For many, we are a friendly voice – the only human interaction during such prolonged isolation. Our doors may be closed, but we remain open for business!

Your donation to the Annual Fund campaign will enable the Library to continue to thrive during these challenging times. As you may know, the Town of Chatham generously provides approximately 60% of the Library’s annual operating budget. The remaining 40% must be obtained through private funding. Our goal for this year’s Annual Fund is \$116,000. Monies raised from this campaign go directly back to the Library to support our staff, purchase materials, and to meet operating and programming expenses.

Your support and partnership will allow us to continue the good work on behalf of our Library community. Robert Frost once said that he could sum up life in three words: it goes on. And with your help, the Eldredge Public Library will, as well.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Gay W. Murdoch
President, Board of Trustees



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