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S. Fred Natale, Director

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Dear Community member:

In tough economic times, the library is more essential to the community than ever before. You can borrow videos / DVDs, music, books on tape and CD, and of course, books. If you have a computer and Internet connection at home or at work, you can access reference services 24/7 (Ask Here PA), download audio books from OverDrive to your computer or mp3 player, or burn to a CD, access HeritageQuest and POWERLibrary, a central collection of 144 databases. All of this, for the price of a library card, which in many cases, is free. Can't get a better deal than that!

Um, if you're asking me for a donation, how is that free?

Consider that your generous donation will support all of the above services. A short comparison:

	To Buy	To Rent	Library
Season DVD	\$40+	\$4.00 / 5 days	\$0.50 / 2 weeks
Audio CD	\$30	N/A	\$0
Downloadable books	\$15	1 per mo./\$150 year	(OverDrive) \$0
Fiction hardback	\$30	N/A	\$0
Non-Fiction hardback	\$54	N/A	\$0

Those are only a few examples. A recent Return on Investment study conducted by Commonwealth Libraries shows that for every \$1.00 spent on libraries, \$5.50 is returned to Pennsylvania taxpayers.

Any donation, large or small, would be appreciated and would help ensure the continuation of all Library services – for your use. Hopefully, you will recognize its importance in your life and be as generous as possible.

Sincerely,

Joanne Cocciolone,
Fundraising Chair

Donna Vesely,
Fundraising Co-Chair

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