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During this time of economic downturn, people are increasingly taking advantage of the best deal in town: their public libraries. As our own Wilton Library Director Kathy Leeds recently wrote, **“COMING MONTHS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CHALLENGE LIBRARIES AS WE STRUGGLE TO SERVE THE INFUX OF PATRONS WHO ARRIVE AT THE FIRST HINT OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.”**

Why is this true? Maybe you haven't stopped to think about it, but our wonderful Library provides a wealth of numerous free collections, computer resources, research data, reference help, free programs, comfortable spaces to work, learn and gather for enrichment. Our community is fortunate that all this is available to young and old, regardless of means, right here in the center of Wilton.

Wilton Library has seen a surge in usage over the past year, and that trend is sure to continue. **THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT REASON WHY WE MUST MAINTAIN THE MOST CURRENT COLLECTIONS AND TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR GROWING NUMBER OF VISITORS.** In addition, your Library has hosted over 800 programs in the past year, offering everything from jazz concerts and famous authors to political debates and teen performance art, and people are filling the rooms. Regardless of economic ups and downs, in order to continue to offer these materials and programs, we must continue to replenish our annual fund each year. **IT WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE TO ATTAIN OUR ANNUAL FRIENDS CAMPAIGN GOAL OF \$220,000 IF EVERY ONE OF OUR SUPPORTERS COMES THROUGH FOR US AGAIN THIS YEAR.**

Your gift will go directly toward the purchase of new books, DVDs, audiobooks, music CDs, periodicals and reference materials as well as supporting programs and technology for the public that educate, inspire and inform. We know you're faced with many choices for your philanthropic dollars and we truly hope you will once again choose to be a friend of the Wilton Library to keep this vibrant center of our community thriving. We appreciate your partnership in this important mission.

With our heartfelt thanks,

LOUISE HEROT
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