Dear Wayne Library Alliance Supporter,

Sometimes being a small rural library director feels like being an octopus juggling. Life is complicated. We are all trying to keep multiple tasks going at once. How? By caring, relating to, noticing, and serving the members of our community. That’s what libraries do.

Please take a moment to look at what these 8 entities are doing within their communities. They are teaching, opening windows to new opportunities, providing entertainment, connecting people, and ensuring that everyone has access to what they want to read.

Your Wayne Library Alliance (WLA) system libraries do all of that with only 50 percent of their budgets in place each year. 30 percent of each library’s annual budget comes from the county (but not from a library tax), 20 percent comes from the state, and a whopping 50 percent of each library’s budget must be raised each year from generous donors like yourself. That’s 50 percent of all our expenses: utilities, staff salaries, books, e-resources, programs for patrons, building repairs and more. Then multiply that by 8 for all the library system members.

As a citizen of the world, you know the cost of everything is increasing. Unfortunately, library funding is not keeping pace. Despite the lack of increase in funding, library directors continue to strive to provide the most bang for their buck whenever possible. Investing in libraries is literally paying it forward to the next generation. See the list of things we offer to our community. Read the stories of our 7 libraries and the WLA system. Then please choose to donate to one (or all) of these system members.

Help our octopus keep actively juggling. Let’s keep kids’ programs running, seniors happily playing canasta, e-books and streaming services available (Libby & hoopla), utility bills paid, books/movies on the shelves, buildings maintained/ painted/repaired, amazing staff members employed at a live-able wages (no, we aren’t county employees), and keep the world of information open to all who seek it. Support your library with all your heart (octopi have 3 hearts - rather fitting don’t you think?). Support one, two, or all our county libraries, whatever your bank account can afford. No gift is too small or too large. Every bit of it helps keep our octopus juggling in the year ahead.

Many thanks for your financial hug. We’ve got an 8-armed hug to give back to you.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Schwarz
System Administrator

The 2023 WLA Board:

- Jane Bollinger (Bethany)
- Deborah Wheeler (Hamlin Community Library)
- Susann George (Hawley)
- Christine Piazz (Newfoundland)
- Bev Kulikowski (Northern Wayne Community Library)
- Macy Compton (Pleasant Mount)
- Mikki Uzupes (Wayne County Public Library)

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The Northern Wayne Library Octopus - Director Amy Payne
The Pleasant Mount Library Octopus - Director Jennifer Snyder
The Wayne County Public Library Octopus - Director Tracy Schwarz

Accept my gift in the amount of:

- $500
- $250
- $100
- $50
- $25
- $10
- Other

If you would like to designate your contribution to benefit one or more libraries and/or the Technology Fund, please indicate the amount(s) by library / fund:

- Bethany
- Hamlin
- Hawley
- Honesdale
- Lakewood
- Newfoundland
- Pleasant Mount
- Technology Fund

(Note: If no designation, donations will be used for countywide services)

Please verify your address and other contact information on the reverse side.

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Bethany Public Library:
The Bethany Library is nestled in historic Bethany Village park, just 3 miles north of Honesdale. We provide services and programs for patrons of all ages, from drop-in storytime to slow-jam music. Pictured are some of our youngest patrons enjoying the theater production of Maurice Sendak’s “Where the Wild Things Are” in the Bethany Park Bandshell.

Hamlin Community Library:
This has been a busy year at Hamlin Community Library. The addition of a stairway has enabled us to access and utilize all of the building’s resources. Investing in the stairs helps us achieve our mission: Being the welcoming heart of our community where ALL can learn, discover, create, and connect.

Hawley Public Library:
Our Family Makerspace has served more than 10,000 patrons so far this year. We provide space and materials for arts and crafts, learning toys and games for all ages, STEM projects, a learning and gaming computers, and a Nintendo Switch console for individual and cooperative play. The Makerspace is available for families to use whenever the library is open.

Newfoundland Area Public Library:
The NAPL is growing! What used to be a one-story, cramped little building packed with books is growing into a modern community space with two floors and more services than ever before. With the addition of the 2nd floor, we’ll have more space for our visitors to gather and updated technology free for all ages to use for both work and play. We hope to have our second floor open to the public by the end of 2023; your donation goes a long way in helping us achieve that goal!

Northern Wayne Community Library:
In March 2023, we welcomed Amy Payne as our new library director. We have delivered fun and educational programs this year to our community including the After-school Program, Summer Reading Program and Craft Nights, as well as new programs such as Bunny Buddy Reading, Community Education Series, Trivia Night and more. We welcome everyone to explore our wonderful library and the services we offer.

Pleasant Mount Public Library:
Pleasant Mount Library is all about warmth, hospitality, friends and family. Bringing joy to our members, we are the hub of our small rural community that provides programs and activities like skill sharing of cooking, art, music, gardening and more. We will continue to nurture community connections, resources, teaching, and learning.

Wayne County Public Library:
This year, the WCPL has concentrated many of its efforts on making the building more inviting and safe for our employees and patrons. Our aging front porch has been replaced, our roof replacement has started, and our third floor renovations for the staff area is almost complete. Your donations make up a large part of the funds we use to make these major improvements to our building.

Wayne Library Alliance:
At the Wayne Library Alliance, our goals are to support the needs of our seven member libraries and our community. From assisting with e-resources like Libby and hoopla, furnishing book transport throughout the county and beyond, providing a centralized website which markets all 7 libraries and their events, to promoting the libraries at local events like the Wayne County Fair, your donations are crucial in the support of our libraries.

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THANK YOU!