



Friends of the Barrington Public Library

*105 Ramsdell Lane
Barrington, NH 03825*

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Traci Bisson, Chairperson
Barrington Library Foundation
P.O. Box 44
Barrington, NH 03825

Dear Traci,

The Friends of the Barrington Public Library enthusiastically supports the proposal for a new, larger, community-centered library on Ramsdell Lane. We see this new building as the most effective means to respond to the need to offer a community gathering space, along with greater access to information and knowledge, and enriching activities for our town's residents. This need has been identified repeatedly during the town's planning process in recent years.

Among the many positive benefits that the new library will offer are enhanced and expanded programming for patrons of all ages, a central place to offer services and resources that is open and easy to navigate for all residents, and meeting spaces available for the many groups in town that currently have no "home" where they can gather. We look forward to a more welcoming, comfortable experience at the new building and to the expanded access to information and technology Barrington residents desire.

The new reading areas, the little café, the separate History room, plus the large community meeting rooms will be especially attractive, in addition to the much needed dedicated space for children and teens. As the population in our town (and state) ages, the new facility may help serve the purposes of a senior center, something our town has never had.

Our town has waited a long time for this next chapter in the story of our library. The time has come to bring our dreams to fruition. The new building will offer us a place for our community to come together for a variety of experiences. The Friends are looking forward to supporting our library in this new facility.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lydia Cupp".

Lydia Cupp, President

On Behalf of the Membership of the Friends of the BPL

The Friends are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has been dedicated to supporting the Barrington Public Library for more than 20 years.

Our mission is to support the programs and services of our local public library. In support of this mission, we engage in a variety of fund-raising activities. The funds we raise largely support programming, periodicals and other materials at the library, as well as assistance purchasing equipment when other funding is not sufficient.