



LIBRARIES PLAN... AND 2020 LAUGHS!

Dear Library Patron,

October 2020

This is not the letter we'd envisioned sending you this year. Back in March, we'd composed our annual letter to you, our most faithful supporters, listing all the wonderful plans we had for the coming months. Little did we know most of those plans would be thwarted by the realities of life in 2020.

The decision to close our doors to our patrons is never done lightly, for we know it means many of our community will be without the services and amenities on which they depend:

- Access to public computers and a quiet place to work or study
- Assistance writing a resume or doing research
- Our passport processing service
- Access to our vast collection
- Programs that both educate and entertain, while creating community

We also know how valuable those services are. As you may have read in our first ever Year In Review newsletter issued last February, 2019 saw our membership increase, our website welcome more visitors than ever, and record attendance at our events and programs.

In spite of all 2020 has wrought, however, **WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS:**

- On July 14th we managed to open our doors again! While business is not quite the same as usual, we are proud to be the only area library open to patrons at this time.
- We've introduced curb-side pick up of your requested materials, as well as curb-side passport processing.
- Our online Community Story Hour introduced some local celebrities to the children of Jenkintown, offering a break from the monotony of quarantine.
- The Friends of the Jenkintown Library pulled off their First Annual, (socially distanced), Dinner en Blanc et Noir, raising much-needed funds to support the Library.

We also hope we can count on your continued support as we plan to grow our offerings and services for 2021 and beyond. **PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TODAY**, using the enclosed envelope, by visiting our website www.jenkintownlibrary.org, or finding us on Venmo @JenkintownLibrary.

Thank you for your support! We work hard every day to earn it and keep our doors open for you.

Yours in Service,

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