



NEW DIRECTOR, NEW DIRECTION!

October 2021

Dear Jenkintown Library Community,

It's a new day at the Jenkintown Library! As with so many other institutions, we've seen our share of changes and shake-ups over the past year. But we're so very pleased to announce the hiring of our new Library Director, Nina Meister!

Nina brings with her over seven years of library directorial experience and she's brimming with excitement and ideas for the Jenkintown Library and the community it serves. If you haven't met her yet, feel free to drop in and say hello. Or you can look forward to seeing her out and about as our community events start to pick up again.

We have made some exciting changes to our staff structure this year to align our talents with our ever evolving community's needs! We are currently interviewing for a new Collections Coordinator and will be looking to bring on a Program & Youth Services Coordinator as well as a Fundraising Coordinator. You can look forward to new faces, new programs and new events as we emerge from the throes of the pandemic. **BUT WE COULD USE YOUR HELP.**

With our local businesses still recovering from the effects of the pandemic, Borough Council had asked us to accept a reduction in funding for this past year. That, combined with a loss of rental income from our Community Room and Bookstore revenue added up to an operating budget 30% smaller than in years past. The result has been a reduction in open hours and staffing. Sadly, this trend promises to continue into next year.

Fortunately, our vibrant Friends of the Jenkintown Library have been actively entertaining us all year with a garden tour and Children's Summer Reading Challenge, supporting local businesses with olive oil and tequila tastings, and providing ways to safely gather with their 2nd Annual Dinner en Blanc et Noir. They have raised necessary funds that help keep our doors open and lights on.

We also hope that we can count on your continued support as we pivot and grow, preserving all that is charming and beloved about our Library while ensuring we meet the specific needs of this community.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TODAY, by visiting our website www.jenkintownlibrary.org, stopping by or sending in a check at the address below, or finding us on Venmo @JenkintownLibrary.

We thank you for your support!

Yours in Service,

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