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We are the **Friends of the Augusta Public Library**, and we work incredibly hard each year to raise money and awareness for the Augusta Public Library. As the holiday season is fast approaching, we want to take the time to thank you for your support and ask that you think of us this year. Across the country public libraries have always relied on community support to provide materials, programming, and a safe haven for all who come through their doors. Our library has been no exception. The staff and volunteers went to extraordinary lengths to see that patrons were served throughout the challenges of the past few years. Keeping everyone's health, safety, and access to library materials remains a priority. It is in part because of these challenges that The Friends have not organized a donation campaign for the last 2+ years.

Currently the library is facing some important decisions regarding the maintenance of the library building. We have been told that local municipal budgets are not currently able to cover all the pressing updates needed to continue to provide a safe and comfortable environment for patrons. Items such as a much-needed repair to the accessibility ramp at the front of the building, replacing the failing and outdated interior lighting and the potential for major work on the HVAC system. It has been 27 years since these items of concern were first put in place and they are showing their age.

The **Friends of the Augusta Public Library** organization exists to help the library with its goals and objectives, some of which are to:

- Increase the community's understanding of what the library does and provides.
- Advocate for Library needs.
- Develop and promote library programs.
- Improve physical access to the library.
- Increase flexibility of the interior space.
- Promote home delivery of materials.
- Strengthen community engagement.
- Take a leadership role in discussions about issues impacting the community.

With your generous gift to **The Friends of The Augusta Public Library** we will be able to help offset the expense of some of these updates and hopefully see the library continue to be a haven for all who come through its doors.

Thank you for considering this letter of request.

Checks can be made out to **Augusta Friends of the Library**

You can donate online at <https://www.augustalibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-the-library/> or by linking to the QR code below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at friends@augustalibrary.org or 715.286.2070



Sincerely,

Friends of the Augusta Public Library

“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.”

— **Lady Bird Johnson**

DETACH AND RETURN. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **AUGUSTA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS/INDIVIDUAL:

DONATION AMOUNT:

I prefer my donation to go towards MATERIALS PROGRAMMING OTHER

