



November 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We all know that resiliency was essential to navigating the challenges of the past two years. For the Goodnow Library and the GLF, this meant transitioning to virtual programs and operations to meet the needs of the Library community. We at the GLF applaud Goodnow's staff for keeping the Library vibrant and responsive to the community with their creativity and persistence.

Now, as COVID restrictions have eased, the Library is offering exciting in-person and hybrid events that patrons have enthusiastically embraced. **The Library's mission of providing 21st century excellence as a community hub endures, despite the challenges!**

The GLF helps ensure this excellence by partnering with the Library to fill the gap between town funding and the increasing needs of Goodnow. The GLF is committed to continuing this support but **we can't do it without YOU**. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the GLF has touched nearly all parts of the Library with technology upgrades and renovations. This year, we partnered with the Town to raise the necessary funds for the renovation of the Library's Historical Room, thereby providing the public with a quiet place to read and study while protecting the Library's archival collections.

The GLF's mission does not end with its fundraising endeavors. The GLF spends significant hours working to bring the community together. Most recently:

- The GLF hosted more than 150 guests at the Wayside Inn to celebrate the Library's re-opening.
- The GLF resumed hosting its popular in-person Be Bold Speaker Series. These evenings are designed to connect members of our community through discussions and sharing of viewpoints.
- The GLF initiated Goodnow's Book Nook, a store for gently-used books that is based on the concept of giving back to the community. All proceeds from book sales go towards programming and activities at the Goodnow Library.

If you are already a loyal supporter of the GLF, we thank you for your continued dedication and hope that you will renew your commitment. If you have not given in the past, we ask you to consider a donation to the Goodnow Library Foundation. You can mail in the enclosed envelope with your contribution, or you can donate through our website: <https://www.goodnowlibraryfoundation.org>. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Petrovic". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Judy Petrovic

P.S. Your gift, regardless of size, makes a difference to the Library and our community.