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Greetings!

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Did you know that the story of Blake Memorial Library began in the 1890's when three young men pushed a wheelbarrow through town collecting donated books? Today, that spirit of *the little library that could* guides all of us as we continue to write the story of Blake Memorial Library.

A recent chapter of Blake Memorial Library's story was written last summer. Our summer reading program involved both children and adults as we endeavored to read 1,000 books as a community. As we read a combined 1,680 books, we also gathered to explore magic, music, storytelling, sustainable energy, camping and more.

The story continues: year round, we're proud to offer our children regular story/craft time, a toy lending library, an outdoor picnic and play area with toys for all seasons, and free passes to Vermont museums and historical sites. Adults enjoy access to seven computers with faxing, copying and printing capabilities, periodicals, meeting space, and access to Heritage Quest and Universal Class. In addition to 20,000 books, videos and audiobooks, we present programming for all ages that brings literature, history and science to life. (Check out the enclosed bookmark for a list of our services and resources.)

There is something for everyone at Blake Memorial Library, and we hope to continue to provide our community with a link to our past and a view of our future. At a time when libraries are thought to be in decline, our library remains strong and vibrant. We operate with one paid employee and a team of dedicated volunteers who do everything from manning the circulation desk to baking pies for fundraisers to planting flowers in the dooryard. All of this is made possible by the tax deductible financial support of our generous donors. (We receive only 7% of our annual budget from municipal funds.) Please take this opportunity to help us write the next chapter in the story of Blake Memorial Library. Your tax deductible donation means so much!

On behalf of the Blake Memorial Library Board of Trustees,

Sukie Hausmann, President