



Dear Roxbury Families,

The Friends of the Roxbury Township Public Library are asking for your help in our mission to support the library. Over the years, funds raised by our organization have paid for the children's and adult summer programs, STEAM activities for children, stimulating lectures, concerts, the Museum Pass Program, and so much more.

2020 has presented unique challenges for the Library to which it rose admirably to the occasion. When the library had to close its doors, it was able to migrate all operations to the virtual sphere within days. When the magnitude of what was upon us was fully realized, library staff initiated a **wellness campaign**, calling Roxbury families on their database starting with the oldest and most vulnerable, **delivered books** to the homebound, and through a network of dedicated staff and volunteers delivered over **1,000 masks** to local households. This is in addition to the **hundreds of videos** of original content created for the community: yoga, zumba, meditation, business courses, lectures, storytimes, STEAM, art classes, and so much more.

The library has been open in some capacity since June, and the pandemic costs are stacking up. Here are some unanticipated expenses library trustees have added to the 2020 fiscal year:

- eContent: To feed the unprecedented demand for ebooks and e-audiobooks the library increased its Hoopla and Cloud Library budget by **\$55,000**.
- Cleaning: To protect staff and patrons, the library increased its cleaning schedule which in turn increased the cost by **\$13,000**.
- Re-opening measures such as acrylic barriers, hand sanitizing stations, PPE, hand sanitizer (when they could be found), industrial grade cleaning supplies, and building alterations have added more than **\$10,000** to the library budget.

The library has done so much for Roxbury which is why for the first time we are reaching out to every household in Roxbury for help. The library is counting on the Friends not only to maintain but to increase their financial assistance as it continues to adapt for the benefit of our community. Whether you are a longtime Friend or considering joining for the first time, your contribution is meaningful and helps make our library the beloved cultural institution that it is. **It is easy to make your donation** by either returning your check in the enclosed envelope or going to [roxburylibrary.org/friends](http://roxburylibrary.org/friends) and making a secure donation. The Friends are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Pat Beach".

Pat Beach, President and on behalf of the Friends of the Roxbury Township Public Library