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## *Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

I hope you have enjoyed another wonderful summer on Cape Cod.

I wanted to start this annual appeal letter with my favorite two words, "Thank You." The Library received tremendous support from our community last year. As many of you know the libraries in the Town of Barnstable are not public libraries. We are private non-profits. The Cotuit Library receives 50% of its funding from the town. The remainder of our funding (roughly \$200,000) is raised through fundraising and private donations. This is the reason your help is critical in keeping the "Heart of the Village" healthy and strong.

It has been an exciting year at the Cotuit Library! I would like to thank our amazing staff who have done a fantastic job of getting our Library reopened and revitalized. Under the leadership of our Executive Director Jessica Rudden-Dube the library has become an even more welcoming place.

One area of focus for the staff has been programming. Both the children's and adult programming have been greatly expanded. This will continue as new and innovative programs are added.

You may notice the Children's Library has been repainted, and bright new murals have been added to the walls. This is an ongoing project and improvements will continue throughout the year. This speaks to our vision: "The Heart of the Village – today and for generations to come."

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to visit our beautiful new storm water garden. This project was funded 100% through grants obtained by the Library staff.

Thanks to all of our generous donors we were able to replace our 35-year-old A/C units this summer. I hope the new ones last that long!

I would like to thank the Trustees for their hard work and dedication. They volunteer countless hours to help keep the Library healthy, while building a strong foundation for the future.

Please consider joining one of our Giving Societies. The Skipper Society recognizes donors who give \$2,000 or above annually. The Bosun Society recognizes donors who give between \$1,000 and \$1,999 annually.

Our Library's future and health is made possible by you and your generous donations. Please help us reach our goal of \$200,000 by donating today. Thank you in advance for your support.

With Appreciation,

**Timothy Bates, President of the Board of Trustees**  
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