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Dear Friends:

I want to bring you up to date on what is happening at the Pope. It has been a fulfilling year for me as the Library Director. I was aided by Youth Services Librarian Christine Slater who recently departed for another opportunity. I thank Dee Palmer who has been filling in until we can hire a replacement.

There is something for everyone at the Pope. For youngsters, we host a weekly story hour, our Summer Reading Program and a robust children's collection. This year there was an Abenaki storyteller, Celtic music and dance, sidewalk art and a Book Bingo Challenge. Our children's room is a safe and inviting space in which to gather, read and play.

For adults, we put on poetry readings and book discussions including one session with local author Beth Kanell. We also cosponsored a lecture series with the Danville Women's Club—The Culture of Food. Our library building is beautiful and historic and welcomes everyone.

We stock the newest bestsellers, audio books, videos, large print books, periodicals and newspapers. There is free access to online e-books and audios. This year, we are buying and installing new computer equipment and software for our public workstations.

Our Community Center building is used for art classes, Tai Chi, music practices and blood drives. It is spacious and has ample room and a small kitchen. The Community Center is available to host your public or private events and celebrations.

The Board, staff and volunteers raise a significant portion of the funds that make such offerings possible along with annual support from the Town. We sell plants, books and baked goods. We run the ice cream booth at Danville Fair. This year a "new" fundraiser was the Novel Dinner. Groups decorated tables and themselves to illustrate favorite books. The event drew a crowd to the Joe's Pond Pavilion in July, and we saw artful displays, interesting costumes and thoughtful themes. I say it was "new" because it is a revival of an event the Pope held for several years long ago. We will do it again in 2024.

Now it is time for our annual appeal. We rely heavily on our loyal volunteers and supporters. Your generous gifts and continued support are critical to our success. We could not sponsor all of our worthwhile programs and services or continue to update our collections, technology and resources without you.

Please give generously. You can mail a check using the enclosed envelope or go online at our website, [PopeMemorialLibrary.org](https://www.PopeMemorialLibrary.org), (click on "Donations") or use <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/pml/>. You can give a one-time gift or specify a monthly sustaining amount using your debit or credit card.

We are sincerely grateful and thank you for your continued support.

Shara McCaffrey and the Board of Trustees