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Dear Ridgewood Neighbor,

We are fortunate to live in a Village with so many special resources, and our Ridgewood Public Library is at the heart of community life. We are excited to write to you on behalf of the newly formed Friends Foundation, a volunteer organization which brings together all fundraising efforts to support the Library's impressive programs, services and spaces.

Thanks to our donors' generosity - through charitable contributions and our special fundraising events - we committed over \$500,000 to the Library this past year! These funds supported both essential services and major improvements, ensuring the Library remains a place where all ages can learn, connect, and be inspired.

What We Did Together:

- **Enriched community life:** 100% of literally thousands of cultural and educational programs are made possible through donor support - YOU!
- **Created more space to connect:** Added six study rooms and a community conference room on the mezzanine level, now reserved over 300 times each month.
- **Expanded collections:** Added over 500 new e-books and e-audiobooks to Libby, reducing hold wait times for Ridgewood residents.
- **Opened new doors:** Grew the Museum Pass program to 14 institutions, used more than 600 times in 2024 by residents.
- **Gave more to borrow:** Expanded the Library of Things to 160 items, from laptops to power washers to party supplies.

What We Hope To Do With Your Help:

- **Auditorium Expansion:** Incorporate natural light and introduce indoor/outdoor access with a patio plaza, comfortable seating, and improved technology and acoustics.
- **Second-Floor Reading Room:** Create a light-filled space for study while maintaining collection levels.
- **Collections & Programming:** Strengthen high demand e-book and audiobook holdings; launch First Fridays, after-hours community events with special programs.

Your **tax-deductible gift**, in any amount, makes this work possible. Please join us in supporting a Library that enriches our community today and for generations to come.

With gratitude,



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