



Become a friend today

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's a Duxbury treasure, the setting for learning and entertainment and a meeting place for students and seniors...and in these difficult economic times, the Duxbury Free Library is also the best value in town. At the Library, you and your family can enjoy everything from the classics to bestsellers - and this year, an even wider selection of eBooks. Discounted museum passes; lively children's programs and thoughtful author events; DVD's and Wii Games, it's all there and it's all *free!* Can you imagine the impact on your family budget if you had to pay for all of these services?

Thankfully, Duxbury has a strong public library. But like so many resources, funding is being cut while library usage is on the rise. Consider this; in one day, the Library:

- Welcomed 668 people through the doors
- Checked out 497 items and renewed another 230 items
- Hosted 15 different groups in library meeting rooms
- Greeted and assisted 74 students after school

The numbers help tell the story. The Duxbury Free Library is a dynamic center of our community. But, like any treasure, it must be cared for and protected. **Becoming a Friend of the Library is the best way you can support this town treasure and ensure it continues to offer the same resources and programs you enjoy.**

Please make a donation to the Friends and know that your support has a direct impact on everything you and your family enjoy at the Library. **100% of the money donated is used to support the Library budget, materials and programs.** Last year, donations from residents like you allowed the Friends to allocate:

- \$12,000 for new books, eBooks, CD's and DVD's
- \$6000 for the Children's and Young Adult Summer Reading Programs
- \$3100 for *Mango Languages* – an online language learning program for children

We know this isn't the only letter you're going to receive asking for your support this year, but it's an important one. Your tax deductible donation will help ensure the future success of the Duxbury Free Library. Our Library relies on your financial support to supplement the town budget for new materials and programs. It also ensures our accreditation and relationships with other Libraries in the Old Colony Network. In 2011, you and your neighbors enjoyed borrowing over 32,000 books, CD's and DVD's from other towns in this Network.

Help us continue the great tradition of the Duxbury Free Library as we strive to do even more for Duxbury and its residents. **Learn more about The Friends at duxfol.org where you can help us go green and make your donation safely online.** Or mail your donation with the attached membership form. Your gift is sincerely appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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