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Dear Friend:

Thank you for continuing to do whatever you can to help LaGrange Library provide vital services to the residents of LaGrange. We are writing to say we need your help more than ever. After four years of flat funding, the Town of LaGrange has voted to cut its contribution to the Library by \$30,000. This means our budget will be strained more than ever, and we are working now to figure out how to make these cuts without other major impacts on our services and your lives.

We have already had to cut hours, children's programs and purchase of new materials. The good news is, even with those cuts, the library continues to be one of the busiest hubs in LaGrange. Our community room is continually in use, with more than 300 people attending programs since September, and our public computers are in constant use with residents conducting online job searches and applications. We are ranked fourth by items borrowed in the 66-member Mid-Hudson Library System and we are the system's second most efficient library in terms of how many transactions our staff makes per year. We are blessed with increasing numbers of volunteers willing to give more time to work in the library.

The Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of LaGrange Library have always been proactive in seeking funds from a number of sources, including your donations which go to help build and renew our collection, provide programs for residents of all ages and interests, and acquire new resources—things like technology, public computers, and even our new library book and electronic media return box. All of this is beyond our basic operating budget.

This year, your support is more important than ever. We really value whatever you can give. We are counting on your support.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Kaminski,
President, Board of Trustees

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