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The Rensselaerville Library works to preserve a comfortable historical gathering place that is open, free and inviting to all of the residents of the 5 hamlets and environs. We strive to awaken and promote a life-long love of reading and learning by fostering personal connections and providing access to a stimulating variety of texts, technology and programming.

The Rensselaerville Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donations is fully tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the year draws to a close, the board and staff of the Rensselaerville Library extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported this year's efforts to maintain and improve the Library. Whether you provided financial support or attended a program, participated in a meeting, stopped in to borrow a book, downloaded one from home, or used one of the other library services; your dedication to the Library allows us to thrive. The Library plans to continue building on past excellence to serve our community in 2015.

Gifts from individuals like you make up the backbone of the Library's financial structure. Without your support, the Library cannot maintain the quality of services we offer to patrons of all ages. Did you know that **your contributions and participation in our fundraising events provide over 60% of the Library's annual operating expenses?**

Your individual giving is all the more important in light of the constant pressure on town and school district budgets to limit their allocations to the Library. Furthermore, user contributions figure large in agencies' and foundations' decisions in making grants to us.

In addition to meeting annual operating expenses, a new priority for the library board is providing for the future. 2015 begins the second full year of development for our growing Reserve Fund. The board has set up several easy ways for donors to add to this fund, aiming to reduce our reliance on public dollars and cushion the Library against future economic challenges.

If you are interested in learning more about how to become an ongoing sustaining benefactor of the Library, about the advantages of making a direct gift of appreciated stock, or the number of other ways you can make a significant impact on our library's well-being, a member of the board's finance committee will be pleased to contact you. Just call Library Director Kim Graff to arrange a personal meeting.

Please take this opportunity to make a generous gift to our community's future. Your annual giving allows the Library to build the collection in old and new media; to fund programs for patrons of all ages; to loan unique items like museum passes, fishing poles and coming in 2015 Kindles; and to provide public services including free wireless Internet access that is available all the time inside and outside the building, computer terminals, printing, faxing, and photocopying. As always, maintaining and improving our historic building remains a top priority.

Thank you for including the Library in your yearend giving plans. We wish you happy holidays and all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,



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