

*“The heart of the community.” “Essential.”
“Warm & welcoming.” “A vital social gathering place.”
“The intellectual & cultural center of our town.”*

Dear Avon Neighbor,

I love the Avon Library! That is why I write to ask that you join me in contributing to the Library Expansion Campaign, a once-in-our-lifetime effort that will benefit both residents today and future generations of our wonderful community.

Our current library was completed in 1982, and since that time the population of Avon has grown by more than 50%. **The library has simply outgrown its building and can no longer meet our community’s needs.** Our growing demand for library service proves the point that it is an invaluable resource for us all.

What are the benefits of an expanded library?

- Plenty of comfortable quiet spaces and gathering places for patrons of all ages.
- Community pavilion with meeting, event and performance space accommodating up to 150.
- Better access to more than 100,000 books, periodicals, audio-visual materials and online resources.
- New Young Adult zone for teens to do homework, socialize, work on projects and use computers.
- Expanded Children’s Area with friendly spaces for exploration, play, story time and programs.
- More PCs with high-speed internet access and a Technology Center for training and support.
- Landscaped outdoor patio for seating and programs.
- History Room with research materials and archives on the intriguing history of Avon and our region.
- Improved parking and drive-up book drop.

The building project is underway and on track to be completed in February 2012. The total construction cost is estimated at \$8.7 million, of which the state will contribute a \$1 million grant.

Our Campaign Committee is working hard to raise the \$1 million in private funds needed to complete the project and provide furnishings, technology, materials and enhancements that are not covered by the town, the state, or the Library’s annual budget. Already we have secured \$665,000 in gifts and pledges from the Library Board, the Friends of the Library and other very generous individuals and organizations.

But these sources alone will not allow us to expand the library. We need your help.

Please consider making a gift today. Your contribution will ensure that our library will grow so it can continue to enrich and support our community. **Gifts of any size are important** and appreciated. Every gift will be recognized and those of \$2,500 and up will be included on the new donor wall. The enclosed materials and pledge form provide more information about the project, ways to give and opportunities for recognition.

We invite the entire community to participate in this vital endeavor – and hope you will join us by making a contribution. It’s people like you who make Avon a shining example of what community spirit can accomplish.



Thank you for your consideration,

Mark P. Nolan
Campaign Chair, Library Expansion Project
and Retired Principal, Pine Grove Elementary School

A gift to the library is a gift to the entire community.