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Dear friend,

In *Anne of Green Gables*, Anne enthuses about the beauty of October, “when the birches in the hollow turned as golden as sunshine and the maples behind the orchard were royal crimson . . . while the fields sunned themselves in aftermaths.” She could easily be a Vermonter when she says, “I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.” It’s a time when we can still enjoy a late afternoon walk in the sunshine—and curl up in a warm chair with a novel and cup of tea afterwards.

And yet. Fall is a restless time too, a time of change. The colors that are so beautiful one day are gone the next. We plan for winter: tires changed, garages cleared out, garden put to bed, heating systems checked. Beach novels traded in, perhaps, for more serious reading. For over a century, the Library has watched this annual change of the seasons—watched as the days get shorter, schoolchildren start coming inside with backpacks and homework, and adults seek out learning and connection.

This fall, the Library is also experiencing its own changing of the seasons. With input from staff, patrons, and members of our six communities, we have announced a new strategic plan to guide the Library over the next three years. We have reimagined our mission, vision, and values as an organization, reaffirmed our commitment to diversity and inclusion, and identified key areas to focus our work in the coming years.

As we look to the future, one constant remains: our need for community support. Our strategic plan flags important ways the Library can better serve its communities, including diversifying and expanding our digital and print collections, identifying ways to reach underserved populations, and examining how to make our physical space more flexible and adaptable to current and future needs. Your support will help us achieve those goals. By making a donation to the Library, you make it possible for us to provide easy access to books and online resources, develop new programs, and offer a welcoming place for all community members to become lifelong learners.

Our vision is to serve our communities in an innovative and inclusive way. Your kindness is crucial to our success. As we look ahead to the next three years, we encourage you to look ahead as well and support the Library as a KHL Sustainer. KHL Sustainers make regular monthly gifts—providing the Library with a reliable, year-round source of income.

Any gift you choose to make in support of KHL will make an impact in our work. Thank you so much for your support.



Best regards,

Bridget Asay
President
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