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Dear Friends,

Now is the time to show your support for the Belmont Library. Membership contributions to the Friends of the Library make the difference between minimum funding and excellent services. Please, **make a contribution today using the QR code below to donate via your smartphone or at belmontpubliclibrary.net/about/join-renew-or-donate/.**

Because of financial help from the Friends of the Belmont Public Library, children, teens, families, and seniors in Belmont benefit from a wide range of exciting programs and services:

- The 2019 summer reading program enhancements saw a 60% increase over 2018! 957 children participated across all ages from small children to teens.
- 2,500 *free* or discounted admissions to 17 regional cultural attractions ranging from the MFA to Plymouth Plantation to the New England Aquarium.
- 200 concerts, story times, book clubs & hands-on workshops were attended by over 5,000 children, teens and adults.
- Beautification projects including garden plantings and library rockers were installed.
- 18 kindles were used as library loaners by the community.
- 16 computer monitors were used by the community to create resumes and provided access to such things as online job applications and government services.
- Library staff development and enrichment were enhanced.

Proceeds from fund-raisers like the Annual Book Sale and the Everyday Book Sale vary from year to year. Therefore, **we rely on Friend's financial contributions to sustain our work.**

Volunteer Friends and the Board will be working hard for our library and our community throughout the coming year. Join us with a \$50 contribution, although any membership level gift is gratefully appreciated. **Every contribution helps.**

It's a proven fact that public libraries strengthen communities by helping individuals learn and grow. As young people, Thomas Edison, Martin Luther King, Jr., Oprah Winfrey and Sonia Sotomayor, each found encouragement and support at their public library! Your membership contribution will go directly to enrichment programs and library materials that help make our community a better place to live and learn. **We are counting on your friendship and support!**

Best regards,

Elaine Westermarck and Marie Mabardi

Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Belmont Public Library

You are invited! Let us hear from you at our next **Friends Board Meeting on February 6, 2020.** All members are welcome! Get the latest Friends news at belmontpubliclibrary.net/about/fobpl/.

