

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Dear XXXXXXX,

I am thrilled to announce that Western Allegheny Community Library has partnered with the West Allegheny School District and our Friends of the Library group to pilot Allegheny County's "Library Cards for All" initiative. In December, teachers will be handing out public library cards to **every student** enrolled in the district. These cards will be theirs forever, allowing students to **access all the digital and physical materials available** through the Allegheny County Library Association (74 locations). We will be one of the **first in the state** to offer this to our students. And with school libraries currently being re-purposed due to COVID, this couldn't come at a better time!

We are so grateful to have supporters like you making stories like this a possibility for the community. Your friends and neighbors can't thank you directly, but we can!

Additionally, thanks to your generosity, over 10,000 West Allegheny residents borrowed more than 150,000 items and participated in nearly 700 library programs this year alone. With your help, many of these individuals learned a new skill, made a new friend, or had their taxes filed free of charge.

Today, on *Giving Tuesday*, we embark on our End of Year Campaign. Our goal is to continue to adapt to the needs of the community so that we can offer important, needed, and well used programs and services by raising \$10,000 by December 31, but we can't do it without your help.

We're reaching out to you because you've already demonstrated your **commitment to the community**. **Would you be willing to make a special year-end contribution** of \$25, \$50, or \$100 to help more residents in need? With your support, we can impact our community in a lasting way.

Please join us by making your gift on our online donation form or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope. So many people will benefit from your generosity!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Best wishes,

Amy McDonald Library Director

Western Allegheny Community Library

P.S. On our website, you'll find a list of the unique programs and services we currently offer, as well as a preview of what's to come. You can learn more about the amazing work your donations make possible by checking out our nonprofit website at westernalleghenylibrary.org and Facebook page @waclibrary.