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After unprecedented support within the Community in the past year, Clark Memorial Library begins its annual fundraising drive. The Library is not a municipal department, but it is a town asset, administered by the nonprofit Bethany Library Association. The Library receives a grant from the Town of Bethany that contributes to overall expenses, but a significant amount of operating expenses comes from additional grants and fundraising. Your donations are put to work immediately to support ongoing library services.

Our focus this year will be on maintaining and expanding services in the very challenging COVID-19 pandemic environment. We will continue to offer our successful curbside service, expand digital offerings and programs and plan activities that that are part of the "new normal"-such as the Drive-Through Art Exhibit and our newly installed Storywalk.

We are planning a renovation of the front reading garden that will provide new community space that lends itself to social distancing and enjoying the beautiful rural setting of the library. We are also looking ahead to beginning the renovation of the Children's Room that will begin in late spring. Thanks to the



generosity of donors and the Town of Bethany we have met the matching funds requirement for the state construction grant.

The phrase "we are all in this together" has been used in many contexts in the past few months, but it is truly exemplified

in the generosity and support of annual donations that keep Clark Memorial Library running as a center of community activity. Please give generously-we are with you-as we all Engage, Connect and Grow!

> With gratitude, The Bethany Library Association



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