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Selectboard

Town of Peacham

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Dear Members of the Peacham Selectboard,

Peacham Library would like to make a request for an appropriation to be included in the 2026 Peacham Town Meeting warning. We respectfully request a \$37,400 appropriation for 2026, to be approved by the voters of Peacham at Town Meeting. This is an increase of \$1,800 over our request of \$35,600 for 2025. This increase will allow for basic increases for staff payroll, utilities, books and other materials.

**Services:** We are a public library, providing a variety of services to all Peacham residents and the wider community. We are fully open to all patrons in person during regular operating hours. In addition, virtual and hybrid programs and meetings can be scheduled through and at the library to include those community members unable to attend in person. These events are often scheduled during non-open library hours, and patrons often access our after-hours porch pick service and co-working space.

**Usage:** *Peacham Library is open 1,040 hours per year. Community organizations, classes, and individuals used the library for nearly an additional 400 hours beyond the hours scheduled as open. The library's past three years of annual visits, circulation and attendance at adult and children's programs are listed in the chart below.*

	Circulation of Materials			Library Use		
	Physical	Digital	Total	Annual Visits	Number of Programs	Program Attendance
2024-25	4,867	3,233	8,100	8,576	258	3,445
2023-24	5,220	2,797	8,017	9,660	282	3,769
2022-23	5,588	2,585	8,167	7,413	185	2,538
2021-22	4,777	2,023	6,800	5,710	115	1,837

The trustees are deeply grateful for Peacham's ongoing commitment to the library.

Thank you,

Barb Schoolcraft, President, Board of Trustees

Susan Smolinsky, Director [director@peachamlibrary.org](mailto:director@peachamlibrary.org)

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