Between September 2019 and February 2020, members of our community will be asked to support the Weeks Public Library “BOOKMARKING OUR FUTURE” Campaign. They will be asked to consider a gift to the Campaign over a one-year period ending December 31, 2020.

Payments may be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, or any other way each donor prefers. Stocks, bonds, real estate, life insurance policies, and other items of appreciated value are also excellent ways to pledge or make payments to the Campaign and, in fact, can offer substantial tax advantages to the donor. All gifts to the Friends of the Weeks Public Library are tax deductible as provided by law.

Members of our community may want to consider the Charitable IRA Rollover provision that has been made permanent by Congress. This provision exempts from taxable income any funds transferred (“rolled over”) from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to the Friends of the Weeks Public Library. It’s an easy way to double your contribution to us!

You may also want to consider making an estate or planned gift to the Friends of the Weeks Public Library as another way to participate in the Campaign. Besides individual contributors, we will also be asking local business and corporate citizens to support this worthy community effort.

When we support the library, we are making a gift to ourselves. The Weeks Public Library belongs to all of us. We are the library. At the same time, a gift to the library is a gift to our entire community. We are now called upon to write the next chapter to secure the Weeks Public Library’s future. When you are contacted about supporting our “BOOKMARKING OUR FUTURE” Campaign, please consider all that the Weeks Public Library means to you and our greater Greenland community. Thank you in advance for your generous participation!

If you need more information, please contact our Campaign Coordinator, Stuart Bauder, at (603) 767-7587 or campaign@friendswpl.org.

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In 1898 Caroline Avery Weeks gave our community a very generous gift—a library. Libraries help build a sense of citizenship by fostering thoughtful, engaged communities. The Weeks Public Library is a cornerstone of Greenland’s heritage, encompassing Caroline Weeks’ original vision to encourage reading, literacy, and community engagement. Now, over a century later, it is our turn to continue her vision and generosity. As an active community center, the library provides access to information, to educational, cultural, and recreational resources, and to programs in a variety of formats and technologies. It provides opportunities for children and adults alike to come together. The Weeks Public Library is also unique in its proximity to the Greenland Central School. This enables children to use the library daily and provides an educational and social environment for the precious youth of our community. Research shows that libraries as community centers help senior citizens by providing much-needed social opportunities. The recently developed Bramber Valley community with 75 homes of people aged 55+ is within easy walking distance to the library. These are a few of the many reasons Greenland citizens passed the warrant article for the library expansion in March of 2018.

After polling our community, the overwhelming response was to preserve the current library—an invaluable town asset—and to work to create an addition that would serve our community for decades to come. The architectural firm of Lavallee Brensinger Architects was engaged to develop a plan for the expansion of the historical facility. The plan was presented, and with the library’s Capital Reserve Fund and the town approval of a bond in 2018, the library addition became a reality for the citizens of Greenland. This building will allow children and adults to access a building that will now be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. There have been a few challenges along the way. In March of 2019, the 2018 vote to approve the bond was again brought before the voters and it was again approved. The town has twice voted to move forward with this project. The time delay has proved costly. We are now very close to breaking ground, but find that in the interim, the cost of the project has increased due to escalating construction costs, and additional architectural and legal fees. Therefore, to outfit the library, the Friends have decided to begin this fundraising effort—“BOOKMARKING OUR FUTURE.” This Campaign is being conducted and funded by the Friends of the Weeks Public Library.

Greenland’s population continues to grow and the need for services has increased, at least in part, due to advances in technology and the use of digital devices. Each year the Weeks Public Library serves 3,500 people—equaling approximately the entire population of Greenland—with over 29,000 books and audio-visual materials. The library, with its expansion, will provide for additional materials as well as welcoming spaces where all can meet and socialize. The space will be a great community builder that will make Greenland an even better place to live and raise a family.