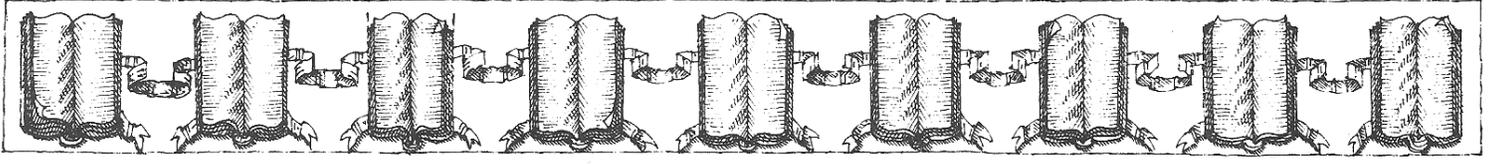


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Dear Friends,

Please accept our invitation to renew your membership with the Patterson Society for 2020, or become a new member. We invite you to support the library with your generous contribution, and to join us in creating our future. Remember that your financial contribution is tax deductible, and helps to make a difference for every community member in Westfield and beyond.

Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress recently stated, “Libraries are a cornerstone of democracy—where information is free and equally available to everyone. People tend to take that for granted, and they don’t realize what is at stake when that is put at risk.” In 2019, the library welcomed close to 140,000 visitors, hosted over 10,000 program attendees at over 500 programs, circulated 39,000 materials, and had over 48,000 public computer uses. Our library has seen a dramatic rise in use, and has truly established itself as a community center in the heart of our close-knit community. This is no small feat, and the Patterson Society is the driving force behind all of the library’s successes over the last thirty years.

The Patterson Society is the library’s friends group, fundraising arm, chief advocate and supporter of our mission to engage the community, and protect the integrity of the library as an institution. Annually, almost ten percent of the library’s total budget is directly supported by the generosity of the Patterson Society. From the major fundraisers, to the personal and corporate donations pledged to move the library forward, these funds allow the library to purchase a variety of materials to add to our strong collection of almost 73,000. Further, we create and execute new and innovative programming, while preserving time-honored events, and ensuring our place as the foundation of public inquisitiveness, and creativity.

We have enclosed a newly designed brochure, showing the new levels of membership in the society, and the new corresponding benefit levels. Thank you for considering our invitation. We look forward to working with you in 2020!

Sincerely,

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