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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new membership year, let's pause to acknowledge our deep gratitude for a beloved leader of the Friends, Ginny Sheldon. Her recent loss has left us bereft. At the same time, we are inspired by her dedication, and it's with gratitude and appreciation that we carry on.

Looking back over 2024, there have been many significant accomplishments. In March, we welcomed new library director Angie Zimmermann, and in the seven months since her arrival, the momentum has been palpable.

Here are a few highlights that your membership donations helped support this year:

- Creating the Thingdom, a collection of borrowable items, including camping equipment, gardening and building tools, outdoor and indoor games, science kits, craft kits, audio visual equipment, and much more.
- Expanding evening hours to THREE nights a week. This library is now open until 8 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- Providing free snacks for the teen room and free coffee and tea in the community room. Gathering at the Milne has never been easier and more comfortable!

Going forward, The Friends will continue to fund exciting programming and special events. We've pledged over \$80,000 in the next 12 months to keep growing the Thingdom, provide speakers, craft and art programs, movie nights, teen and kids activities, online access to the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, as well as lifelong learning opportunities for all community members.

We appreciate your support. Please return the enclosed envelope or donate online at www.milnelibraryfriends.org/support. All members are invited to the Friends Annual Meeting and Board Election on Wednesday, December 11th at 4:30 PM at the library. We hope to see you there.

With appreciation,

Pam Art
President, Friends of the Milne Public Library

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