



***Something wonderful is happening in Belleville and
we thought you would want to know.....***

Dear Belleville Alumni!

So many of us have fond memories of trips to the library over the years. Maybe you remember climbing the steep wooden stairs to the top floor of the old library to find a book, or earning a pin during the summer reading program, or maybe you have brought your children to story time in the current building, or you have taken a class, or attended an author reading. In 2018, Belleville will have the distinction of having a library in our small community for 140 years.

Please find it in your heart to help us continue this wonderful hometown tradition and offer experiences to children and families by building a **new Belleville Public Library and Community Center**. The plans call for a new library with ample community gathering space.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have a new and enlarged space that will enrich our lives and those of our family members and neighbors. Today's **21st Century Libraries** are versatile, dynamic organizations meeting the demands of a changing society. Gone is the one-dimensional, quiet building where you came to pick up a book and take it home to read.

The Village has committed \$2 million as a challenge to the community to raise an additional \$1 million. **We hope that all Belleville alumni will be part of the fund raising effort.** We know people have different means. Please consider ***giving at least the amount of the year you graduated - \$71.00 if you graduated in 1971 or even better, pledge \$71 per year for each of your 4 years of high school.*** Whatever the amount, we appreciate your support of the new Library and Community Center.

We hope to raise a total of \$75,000 from alumni to sponsor the Belleville History and Genealogy Area in the new library. Each class that raises \$5,000 will be recognized on a plaque in that area. Individual donors will be listed in the Donor Recognition Area, or you can honor or remember someone important in your life with a gift.

It Takes a Village to Raise a Library, and we hope you will be part of this Belleville High School alumni initiative to help to make the new library a reality! A brochure, including a pledge form, is enclosed. Learn more about what Belleville Public Library does for our community at www.bellevillelibrary-wi.org. If you have questions, Library Director Bronna Lehmann will be happy to talk with you or give you a tour of the current building.

Thank you,

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