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Dear Library Friends,

Every spring the Rhinelander District Library Foundation begins its annual capital campaign, designed to raise funds to fill one of the many pressing needs always present in a busy and thriving library. Library staff are consulted, needs are discussed, and an appropriate project that could never be covered by the library's operating budget is chosen. The project is always something tangible and the money raised is put to immediate use for that specific purpose.

Because our library is usually appropriately warm or cool, you as a library patron may not be aware that for the past several years our heating/air conditioning system has been just limping along. In both winter and summer our four furnaces run constantly, and at the age of nineteen years, they have far outlived their average lifespan. Repairs are frequent and expensive, but replacing the four units is so expensive that we've been trying not to think about this problem; now we can no longer avoid it.

The estimated cost for four new furnaces, including installation, is just under \$40,000, and we are looking to our spring capital campaign to raise at least half of this amount. The other half will come from grants and other moneys available to the library. And as we have assured you ever since expansion plans for our library were first discussed, this project will not affect any expansion under consideration. Our current building must be appropriately heated and air conditioned through the existing ductwork.

Adequate words fail me for conveying my thanks for the many times you have responded generously to our annual request for funds to support the library. With an average of 6,000 people coming into the building every month, only about 75 percent of pre-Covid traffic, it's apparent how vital to the community our library is, and I thank you for helping to keep it that way! Checks may be made payable to Rhinelander District Library Foundation (please note "capital campaign" on the memo line) and mailed in the enclosed envelope, or you may donate online at rdlfdoundation.org. Thank you!

Most sincerely,

RHINELANDER DISTRICT LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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