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Dear Library Friends,

Due to your generous support in the past, we have been able to finance needed projects that could never be covered by the library's operating budget. This year the Rhineland District Library Foundation's annual capital campaign will raise funds to replace the stairs and railings of the front Carnegie entryway and repair the existing sidewalk. Library staff has been consulted, needs were discussed, and this stairway project was chosen. All money raised will be used for this specific purpose.

The stairs and railings are original to the building and have been in disrepair for some time. Due to the crumbling cement, the stairs pose a safety hazard. The estimated cost for the repair of the stairs, railings, and sidewalk is \$49,993.00. I am hoping this spring capital campaign will raise most if not all of this amount. This project will not be affected by any future expansion under consideration.

Your generous response to previous requests has been greatly appreciated. It's apparent how vital our library is to the community. In February 2023, despite several weather closings, foot traffic increased 21.4% over February 2022. That's an increase of over 1700 people! It is no surprise that circulation increased by 21% as well, with Wi-Fi use up 23% and public computer use up by 43%.

I would greatly appreciate your support with this project. Checks may be made payable to Rhineland District Library Foundation (please note "capital campaign" on the memo line) and mailed in the enclosed envelope. You may donate online at rdlfdoundation.org.

Thank you!

Most sincerely,


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President

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