



Friends of Lithgow Library

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Dear Friend,

Throughout its existence, Lithgow Library has been very fortunate to have forward thinking and generous donors like you to support the work of the library and ensure its place in the community. The best example of this would be the library's namesake, Llewellyn W. Lithgow.

Mr. Lithgow, a successful mercantile businessman, was a member of the Augusta Literary and Library Association which was created by several prominent community members "for the purpose of maintaining in the city of Augusta, a library, reading-room, courses of literary and scientific lectures". The association was self-supported by selling life memberships to interested members in the area. When he passed away in 1881, Lithgow provided a \$20,000 bequest (equal to \$500,000 today) for the purpose of building a permanent library in Augusta.

Following his example, the Friends of Lithgow Library recently established an endowment fund with the Maine Community Foundation. The fund is professionally invested for the long-term. A percentage of the average fund balance will be distributed to us to support our ongoing mission of providing additional assistance and programing opportunities at the library. Our endowment fund benefits from the Foundation's investment expertise and from being part of a large portfolio.

You can play a part in helping us plan for the future. There are a variety of ways you can give that provide much-needed annual support for Friends and Library programs.

- A year-end gift to the annual appeal
- Gifts made in your will or trust
- Naming the Friends of Lithgow Library as your charity of choice when making final arrangements
- Gifts that pay an income
- Gifts of life insurance or retirement plan assets

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Your gift to the annual appeal ensures that Llewellyn Lithgow's dream of establishing and maintaining a public library in the community, "for the use of the citizens thereof forever, ..." will be there for you now and generations to come.

Sincerely,

David R. Madore

Board Chair, Friends of Lithgow Library