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Dear Neighbor,

Greetings from the Board of Trustees of the Putnam Valley Library. We are writing to you to inform you of an important infrastructure project facing the library, and to ask for your help in protecting and enhancing a critical community resource: our library.

As you may know, we began a multi-year initiative to maintain and enhance our lovely little library. We have replaced the roof over the community room, installed a new electric sign, painted and refreshed the building's six bathrooms, and even replaced the frayed rope in the invaluable dumb waiter that ferries books to the second floor.

Now, we are officially kicking off our fundraising campaign to replace the large skylight in the building's atrium. After seeing us through 50 years of service to the Putnam Valley community, our current skylight is reaching the end of its lifespan and needs to be replaced. After consulting with Highlands Architecture, we determined that the most energy- and cost-efficient solution will be to replace it with a new, more durable, skylight.

The replacement will be a significant improvement in both the energy efficiency and the aesthetics of our library, and it is a prudent and necessary investment. Every year that passes increases the risk of leaks and interior damage. We have already applied for and received a New York State Construction Grant for \$58,731 but we need to raise at least \$102,269 more to complete the project and save this wonderful community space.

We will be actively fundraising from a range of sources, but our most important source of support will be the community we serve: the people of Putnam Valley. Our library does so much more than lend books; we serve as a site of life-long learning, and community development, and as a hub where neighbors can safely meet and explore new interests and skills. Please consider donating to protect and enhance this critical center for our community by making a tax-deductible donation to our Skylight Fund.

Help us keep the rain out and let the light in!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PV Board of Trustees