

**Friends of the Westbrook Public Library
61 Goodspeed Drive, Westbrook, CT 06498
August 2020**

Dear Friends,

During the past few months, as an unprecedented public health crisis has disrupted daily life, we've all had to adapt to changes we never could have imagined. The same has been true for the Westbrook Public Library.

Luckily for its patrons, the library has a long history of rising to meet the challenges of its times and the ever-changing needs of its patrons—it wasn't that long ago that our librarians seamlessly navigated the complicated move from card catalogs to computers. Now, even as the library's doors remain physically closed due to COVID-19, it continues to operate as a community center and hub for information. Staff answer questions via email, while books circulate without contact. The library is the touchstone for the very kind of human connection that we all crave right now.

It is my pleasure to share with you some exciting news from the Westbrook Public Library as it moves forward and adapts, despite the uncertain circumstances.

Welcome, Timothy Kellogg

Effective July 2, the library welcomed Timothy Kellogg as its new director. Tim most recently served as the circulation librarian at Guilford Free Library and comes to Westbrook with outstanding credentials and references. Please join me in welcoming Tim to his new position.

Honoring Longtime Director Lew Daniels

Beloved by generations of high school students, book lovers, and hobbyist and professional researchers alike, Lew Daniels retires this summer after 40 years in his position as the library's director. To honor his years of dedication and service to patrons, the Westbrook Public Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Westbrook Public Library have established a scholarship in Lew's name. It will be awarded yearly to a graduating high school student who intends to pursue a career as a librarian or educator. The Westbrook Foundation will act as the steward for the new scholarship. Contributions may be directed to Westbrook Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 528, Westbrook, CT 06498; please note that your donation is intended for the Lew Daniels Scholarship in the memo line of your check.

Thank You for Your Continued Support

In closing, I would like to thank you for your past support of the Friends of the Westbrook Public Library. I hope that you will be able to show your support for this community beacon once again.

With Gratitude,

Elaine Crawford
President
Friends of the Westbrook Public Library

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