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OUR VISION

Empower Abbot Public Library to continue to update and provide the historic town of Marblehead with a modern library, a multi-use gathering place, a center of knowledge, culture and innovation for the community. Provide an up-to-date, vital resource for present and future generations.

OUR MISSION

Serve as the fund-raising arm of Abbot Public Library by soliciting and acquiring gifts, grants, endowments, bequests, and pledges from individuals and organizations for capital improvements and programs of Abbot Public Library. The goal is to enrich, not replace, traditional tax-based support for Abbot Public Library. We are committed to incorporating and upholding the values of collaboration, innovation, service and inclusion in all aspects of our work.

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Dear Friends and Supporters of Abbot Public Library,

As the leaves of Marblehead begin to change and a crisp salty breeze fills the air, we are reminded of the timeless beauty of village life and the importance of preserving our rich heritage. This season, we are reaching out to you again with an appeal that carries the promise of transformation - the renovation of our beloved Abbot Public Library.

For 146 years, our Abbot Public Library has stood as a free center of knowledge, a sanctuary of imagination, and a gathering space for our families, students, and lifelong learners. To ensure it continues to be this important place in town for another 146 years, **Abbot Public Library Foundation (APLF)** raised \$1.5 million with our Library Yes campaign. Now in the midst of keeping our promise made as part of that campaign to raise an additional \$2 million commitment for infrastructure and technology updates, we have raised more than \$500,000. Our Inaugural Library Gala secured more than \$175,000 net towards our \$2 million goal and smaller initiatives pushed us over the half-million dollar mark. Best of all, we are delighted to share that the renovated modern Abbot Public Library will open next Spring.

Here's where you come in. We need your support. Here is how you can make a meaningful contribution:

DONATE: Your financial support, no matter the amount, will go a long way in helping us achieve our goal. Every dollar counts, and together, we can make a significant impact. *Individual donations totaling \$5,000.00 or more since the inception of the Library Yes Campaign will be celebrated on the Abbot Public Library Donor Wall in the entrance to the library.* Please share this cause with your family, friends, and social networks. Help us raise awareness and encourage others to donate.

We've tried to make it easy. Just donate by **scanning the QR code**, visit us at **www.AbbotLibraryFoundation.org**, or mail a check to **P.O. Box 1409, Marblehead, MA 01945**.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us at **www.AbbotLibraryFoundation.org**. All donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



GIVING SOCIETIES

The mission of Abbot Public Library Foundation (APLF) would not be achievable without the generous support of exceptional individuals and groups.

The **Benjamin Abbot Society** is named for Benjamin Abbot, born in Marblehead on Sept. 7, 1795. Learning from his humble beginnings as an apprentice to a Cooper, he later opened his own Cooper Shop and amassed a fortune. He bequeathed \$103,000 to the Town of Marblehead, a portion of which funded the construction of Abbot Hall. *For those who give \$75,000 and above.*

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The **James Gregory Society** is named for James John Howard Gregory (1827-1910) who was born and educated in Marblehead. Mr. Gregory taught school for several years and then entered the seed trade with a business that started in his home and grew to become one of the largest in the world. This skyrocketing career earned him the title, "The Seed King." Included among his many donations to the Town he most notably gave the clock and bell for Abbot Hall, and funds for the new library. *For those who give \$25,000 - \$74,999.*

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The **Gregory O. Lyons Society** is named for Gregory Osborne Lyons, born in 1895. Gregory and his wife, Mary, raised their two children, Barbara and Gregory Jr. in Marblehead. Upon his death, he bequeathed \$20,000 to the Town of Marblehead for the construction of a new library. This bequest enabled the library to move to a new building at 235 Pleasant Street in 1954. *For those who give \$5000 - \$24,999.*

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