



William Jeanes Memorial Library
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Dear Neighbors,

In 1971, the William Jeanes Memorial Library moved into its light-filled Joshua Road home. Since then, the community has grown significantly, and a quick look around the building will convince you that the Jeanes Library now offers more books and programs than its planners envisioned. Back then, no one could have imagined the role of computers in delivering knowledge, nor were the terms MP3 or DVD part of our lexicon. Yet today's Library relies on not only books and a regular schedule of adult and children's programs, but also technology to fulfill and excite interests.

Last year, the Board of Directors launched its first Annual Giving campaign, and the community's generosity exceeded expectations. These gifts have supported expanded service, fresher collections, upgraded public-use computers, and wireless Internet access (WiFi). This year, the Library welcomed Elliot Shelkrot as Interim Director. Mr. Shelkrot's previous experience at the helm of the Free Library of Philadelphia is proving invaluable. With his guidance, the Library is continuing to systematically address the recommendations that emerged from a series of focus groups and community planning sessions.

Over the summer, 150 teens participated in a reading program that kept their minds nimble. Turning to technology to engage other readers, the Library initiated an online summer program that attracted a group of 284 youngsters. Nonetheless, book borrowing remains strong, and the youngest patrons adore storytimes on the Community Room carpet.

Quality library service relies on a mix of private gifts, government support, and charitable grants. Gifts to the Library are an investment in our community—a sound investment with a measurable return. We invite you to participate in the 2008 Annual Giving Fund, and we look forward to serving you. Together we can ensure that the Jeanes Library makes Whitemarsh proud.

Consider the enclosed bookmark your special invitation to stop by, find a book, settle in for a good read, or take a turn at one of the new wide-screen computers.

Please join us in supporting the Annual Giving Fund by returning your gift in the pre-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Mattson, President

Sydelle Zove, Vice President