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The Library of the Chathams Needs Our Support for 'Bridging Space to Place' Campaign

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To the Editor-

Recently residents of the Chathams will have received in their mail an informational brochure outlining the Library of the Chathams campaign to enhance our library for all residents. The campaign is titled “Bridging Space To Place - The Campaign to make Library of the Chathams Your place.”

As a Chatham resident for the past 17 years, I treasure our library and the tremendous gifts that the library and the library staff provide to our Chatham community, enhancing our community life every day. I know that many, many other residents of Chatham, past and present share this appreciation and have fond memories of the role the Library of the Chathams has played in their lives.

Since 1924, The Library of the Chathams has been a valuable community resource for Chatham. It has served and continues to serve as a lending library, a community gathering meeting spot for civic organizations, friends and students, a shelter in times of community crisis among others. Many generations of Chatham residents have benefited from the Library of the Chathams, and to keep up with the constant growth of the Chathams and with ever increasing needs, the Library of the Chathams has undergone numerous renovations and additions, on average one every 15 years over the past 94 years.

The time has come for a comprehensive integration of the many past individual renovations of the Library of the Chathams so that future generations will have a central space within the downtown Chatham community to serve their needs. This is the objective of the “Bridging Space to Place” campaign, an effective and efficient renovation to pull everything together, with one third of the project cost focusing on improved building infrastructure and enhanced safety and security for all patrons.

The Library of the Chathams needs our support to make this renovation campaign a huge success. I encourage every Chatham resident, past and present, to contribute to this effort.

Please reach out through your personal networks to family, friends and neighbors who may no longer reside in Chatham, but who nonetheless have very fond memories of the Library of the Chathams and who have called Chatham home at some point in their lives. The Bridging Space to Place campaign can use their support. If you are a member of a civic organization, a business entity or a private citizen who wishes to financially support this initiative, your generosity will be gratefully appreciated.

Please visit <https://chathamlibrary.org/proposed-plans> for more information on how you can contribute to this very worthy project.

We can do this together-

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