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Libraries are changing. How many times in recent years have you heard that?

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As a patron and supporter of Brooks Memorial Library you can feel proud that your donation to the 2014 Annual Appeal helped our library meet current community needs.

This past year, with your support, the Friends of the Library helped BML acquire:

- New digital devices for cardholders to borrow or to use at the library. (iPads and Kindles)
- New databases and electronic services, with an emphasis on current quality online resources. (Biblioboard, IndieFlix, Ancestry.com, Constant Contact and ArtistsWorks.com/Online Music and Art Lessons)
- Expanded access to eBooks and eAudio.
- Additional museum passes.

This autumn, the Library's Thursday morning and Saturday afternoon hours were restored. This coming year, also using funds from our endowment, we'll begin to make changes in the physical spaces at the Library:

- BML will be modernized, reconfigured, and updated for greater accessibility.
- A space for teens, dedicated to young adult collections, will be created on the 2nd floor, and we will continue the improvements to the Children's Room.
- New small meeting spaces will be created for public use.

These changes will help make our library more user-friendly and functional in the years ahead. They address specific needs that patrons identified when they responded to a survey to inform the current Five Year Strategic Plan. In 2016, we will be writing our next plan and welcome another opportunity for patron input. Your feedback matters. So does your continued financial support!

Our goal is to continue to build the endowment to supplement our tax support so that we can make changes that address the needs of our patrons. We hope that you agree and will respond to this year's Annual Appeal with your donation. This community's previous history of giving has made us what we are today and today's giving will shape what we are tomorrow. All of us have a stake in the evolution of Brooks Memorial Library.

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