



January 21, 2021

Mayor Sally Belangia and Commissioners of Oriental
PO Box 472
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To the Honorable Mayor Belangia and Oriental Commissioners:

On behalf of the Pamlico County Public Library Board of Trustees, I would like to ask for your support of the Pamlico County Public Library.

The Pamlico County Library has provided reading and literacy services for Pamlico County residents for over 57 years. Preschool children, senior citizens, and everyone in between enjoying the free resources and community programs that the library offers. High-speed internet access; up to date computers, including technical support and training; books in print and electronic format; as well as unique items like a high-powered telescope and musical instruments are available to support Pamlico County residents growth both personally and professionally.

During the COVID epidemic, the library continued to respond to the changing needs of our community. Altered services included curbside pickup, 24-hour Wi-Fi access in the library parking lot, and expansion of virtual resources, programming, and reference/technical assistance. Our goal was not only to provide entertainment, take-home-kits, and self-development to those social distancing, but also to reach inside the homes of Oriental to lessen residents' stress and feelings of isolation. The Pamlico County continues to be fluid to best serve Oriental Citizens.

Responding to COVID has been at a cost. For this reason, we are asking you to pledge a minimum of \$5,000.00 dollars to assist us in supporting education, self-growth, and well-being. Donated funds will be used to purchase new books, expand our eBooks and audiobooks collections, cover the additional sanitization and PPE costs, and provide creative outreach and virtual programming. Your appropriation will impact Oriental and Pamlico County citizens regardless of age, race, or socioeconomic status.

If you should have any questions about the services or usage statistics for the Pamlico County Library or would like me to speak at a town council meeting, please call me, Kat Clowers, County Librarian, at 252-745-3515.

Thank you again for supporting your public library.

Best regards,

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