

Thank You! Together We Raised \$176,242 for the Annual Fund

The Cary Memorial Library Foundation is pleased to announce that 1,170 Lexington families and businesses donated a total of \$176,242 to the Library's 2008 Annual Fund, which closed June 30. The total exceeds the year's goal of \$175,000. Twenty percent more people donated to this year's annual fund than last year, and donors gave \$28,000 more than last year. Since the first Annual Fund was launched in 2003, townspeople have given more than \$550,000 to support the Library's collections and programs.

The Foundation could not have met its fundraising goal without the support of many volunteers, the Lexington Minuteman and Lexington's Colonial Times Magazine, and the resources of Higgins Group Realtors, home of the Library's phonathons.

Contributors to the Annual Fund do an essential service for Lexington. Tax dollars cover 100% of the Library's annual operating expenses. But tax dollars make up only 30% of the Library's budget for collections. Other monies come from fines and fees and interest from the endowment. Charitable contributions make up the largest percentage of the Library's allotment toward collections—40%. These monies keep our Library relevant and current, and help ensure its certified status.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's fundraising such an outstanding success. For more information on how you can help the Library, visit www.caryllibrary.org.