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We are writing to urge the village board to pass the full bond for the Scarsdale Library renovation. The need for a library that is up to code and that has a sound roof goes without saying. It is shocking that the village has not taken care of accessible bathrooms and an elevator in a building widely used by so many in the community.

Furthermore, as empty nesters and part of the burgeoning baby boom sector of the population, we anticipate that the library will only continue to grow in importance not just to young parents and teens, but also to our segment of the population who will look to the library as a center for volunteer meetings and personal gatherings, intellectual and cultural activities, and business and information, as we establish next stage careers and interests.

When we first moved to Scarsdale in July of 1991, the library was a key place for Linda, as a part-time working mom, to meet other caregivers and their children and establish lasting friendships. Ebooks, film series and special programming have kept us coming back to the library years later. And the overwhelming attendance of the community at the annual book sale, where both of us volunteer, attests to the continued interest of all ages in traditional books across a broad range of subjects.

In the digital age, we need the library more than ever, both as a place to connect with others, as well as a place to access large amounts of information quickly. What a terrible loss and potential liability it would be to our community to wallow in a building that is outdated, not up to code and limited in use, particularly if our goal is to create a village that will continue to thrive, grow and benefit from each other's friendship, talents and learning.

Sincerely,

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