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Dear Library Friend,

Given the many challenges we have all recently experienced, The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library is fortunate to have supporters like you. Because I know you value the Library and the services it provides to our community, please consider a year-end gift to The Friends. In these trying times, it is all about continuing, and even increasing, your support for the Library, an *essential institution* in the city of Saint Paul, and a personally important place for many who live here.

Your generous past gifts have enabled The Friends to provide the Library with funds needed for after-school programs and homework assistance for thousands of children and teens. The Friends continues strong annual support of the Summer Reading Program, children's events, adult cultural programs, and the purchase of thousands of books. Your donations allow the Library to offer computers and the Internet to patrons who would not otherwise have access. No matter what happens to the economy in the short run, the Library's long term needs remain and must be met, as its use continues to increase significantly in these difficult economic times.

Please give generously. A donation form and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. The Friends' goal is to raise \$150,000 during the year-end campaign, which provides much-needed annual support for Friends and Library programs. Your contribution will help us maintain a world-class Library system and ensure a place that serves everyone.

Thank you for your generosity and your support.

Best Regards,

Peter D. Pearson  
President

*P.S. When making a gift to The Friends in your will or trust, please use the following language: I give to The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, 325 Cedar Street, Suite 555, Saint Paul, MN 55101, \_\_\_ percent of my residuary estate (or, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_, or a description of the property, securities, etc.) for its endowment funds.*