A Letter from the Library Director:
Preserving Exeter's History & Saving Patrons Money

Dear Exeter Neighbors,

As we launch Exeter Public Library's 2026 Annual Appeal, we reflect on what makes our library a vital hub for connection, learning, and local history. While our traditional book and digital lending programs continue to deliver extraordinary value to taxpayers (almost two million saved this year alone!), one of our most transformative specialized offerings is housed inside the Nancy Carnegie Merrill Historical Room: the Digital Preservation Center. Here, community members can convert their irreplaceable analog memories into modern digital formats completely free of charge.

Preserving family heritage through commercial digitization services or purchasing specialized conversion hardware can quickly cost families hundreds or even thousands of dollars. At Exeter Public Library, patrons have complimentary access to professional-grade equipment for in-house media conversion, eliminating those heavy out-of-pocket expenses. Our center provides a full suite of specialized devices. These include:

- Film Reel & Video Conversion: Patrons can digitize 8mm and Super 8mm film reels directly onto an SD card using the Magnasonic Super 8/8mm Reels Film Scanner, or transfer VHS, Hi8, and camcorder tapes using the Video2Digital Converter 3.0.
- Photo, Slide, & Negative Digitization: Families can rapidly scan printed photos up to 7 inches wide with the Epson FastFoto FF-680W Wireless scanner, or restore faded photos, slides, and 35mm negatives with adjustable exposure and RGB color controls using the Sharper Image Rapid Photo Album Scanner.

Audio & Audio-Visual Transfer: Patrons can convert cassette tapes directly to MP3 files on a USB stick with the MYPIN Cassette Tape Converter, listen to or transfer vinyl records (33 1/3, 45, and 78 RPM) on a Bluetooth Turntable Player, and read or record CDs and DVDs with an external optical drive.
Local History & Microfilm Access: Researchers and history enthusiasts can view and copy historical microfilm files, including our archive of the Exeter News-Letter, using the Canon Microfilm Scanner 400.

To take advantage of these cost-saving resources, community members can simply schedule an appointment with our Tech Librarian at the Adult Information Desk or call 603-772-3101. Patrons fill out a standard User Agreement, and while all equipment and tech support are entirely free, the library also offers affordable storage devices for purchase on-site if you need a USB drive or card to store your newly digitized files.

Every dollar invested in Exeter Public Library generates five dollars in community services, and your tax-deductible support for the Annual Appeal helps ensure that specialized resources like the Digital Preservation Center remain free, accessible, and up to date for everyone. Your generosity directly funds the equipment, maintenance, and technical guidance that safeguard Exeter's shared history and your family's most cherished moments.

Thank you for standing with your library and investing in the future of our town.

With warm regards,

The Library Director
Exeter Public Library