



# BLISTERS FOR BOOKS 2023



September 2023

Dear Lyme community,

**Forty years ago**, in 1983, then-librarian Geneva Menge, volunteer extraordinaire Norma Randall, and many community members came up with a fund-raising idea to support Converse Free Library's children's services. The concept of **Blisters for Books** was simple: students would run laps around the Common and gather pledges for each lap completed. This met two goals simultaneously: physical fitness and literacy. Over the subsequent 35 years, we have raised tens of thousands of dollars for this purpose. This activity is one of many ways the library and school collaborate to expand the services available to everyone in town, as well as reduce the impact on taxes to our residents.

On October 5, 9-11:30 a.m., we will once again be holding a Blisters for Books event on the Common. Several years ago, we began a new tradition of inviting people who may not have a direct connection with a Lyme student to make donations toward this cause directly. *To this end, we would invite you again to leave a donation at either the school or the library along with the form on the back of this paper.*

You may support a particular runner or grade, or just donate directly to the Blisters fund. The materials paid for with these funds strengthen the resources available for the children in our community, both at the school and the public library.

You may also receive a request from a child who is collecting pledges in your neighborhood. No matter how you choose to give, we thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

*Judy*  
Judith G. Russell  
Library Director

*Becky*  
Becky Neuroth  
Lyme School Media Specialist

P.S. If you would like further information about the Blisters program, please call or visit Judy at the library.

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### Donation Form



Thank you for supporting Blisters for Books, an annual run-for-pledges event to raise funds specifically for the children's collection at the Converse Free Library. The materials paid for with these monies strengthen the resources available for the children in our community, which is a shared value of the school, the library, and, historically, Lyme as a whole. Please join us on the Common October 5!

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of the student or grade whom you'd like your donation to support (optional):

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Please add me to the library's electronic newsletter list.
- Please contact me about setting up a library account.
- I'd like to find out more about volunteering at the library.

Please attach cash or a check made payable to **Lyme Town Library**. Mail your donation to Converse Free Library, 38 Union Street, Lyme, New Hampshire, 03768, or drop it off at the library. You can also find us on PayPal.com as **Lyme Town Library**.

Lyme Town Library is an exempt organization eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions to the fullest extent allowed by law. EIN # 02-0354128. For more information, please call Library Director Judy Russell at 603-795-4622 or email [jrussell@lymenhlibrary.org](mailto:jrussell@lymenhlibrary.org).

*Thank you!*