



September 2024

Dear Lyme community,

**Forty-one 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 40 years, we have raised tens of thousands of dollars for this purpose

On October 11, 9:15-11:15 a.m., we will once again be holding a Blisters for Books event on the Lyme 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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## BLISTERS FOR BOOKS 2024 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 11!

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

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

Your Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
<ul> <li>Please add me to the library's electronic newsletter list.</li> <li>Please contact me about setting up a library account.</li> <li>I'd like to find out more about volunteering at the library.</li> </ul>	



You may use the QR code to the left to donate or You can also find us on PayPal.com as **Lyme Town Library**. Or, 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. *Thank you!* 

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