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## Wrentham Library gets a boost from the Bayer Fund

*Local library is a recipient of last year's Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program.*

July 8, 2019 – Wrentham, AB – Citizens of Wrentham and surrounding area are benefitting from upgrades made to the local library. Bayer Fund awarded \$2,500 through its 2018 Canada's Farmers Grow Communities (CFGC) program to the Wrentham Library and Post Office to purchase new equipment for the facility.

"People of all ages come to use the library's services for school, work, or personal use, and because we're in such a rural area it becomes a sort of meeting place," said Marsha Edwards, library manager. This support was a big boost for us to purchase some equipment that we needed to upgrade to help us better service our patrons."

With support from the Bayer Fund, the Library was able to purchase new books for the library, two new photocopiers, upgrade its coffee maker, and secure a backup battery needed for the switch required for internet service.

The Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program is aimed at strengthening rural communities by equipping local non-profit organizations with funds to carry out much needed community work. The aim is for farmers to help improve the lives of many people living in rural communities.

"Bayer recognizes the value of having thriving rural communities across Canada," said Trish Jordan, Director of Public & Industry Affairs at Bayer CropScience. "The Wrentham Library is a hub for community members and we are proud to support upgrades that will keep it vibrant facility for years to come."

According to Edwards, the CFGC program is well worth applying for and approaching community members about for nominations.

"Because we are such a small library, our budget is small as well," added Edwards. "We weren't expecting this, and it's made a huge difference to our community."

The Bayer Fund, the philanthropic arm of Bayer, has funded the Canada's Farmers program to provide a total of 66 grants, each valued at \$2,500, to charitable and not-for-profit groups nominated by farmers.

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