

WE ARE LOSING OUR LIBRARY.

The Neighborhood School must raise **\$40,000** by **June 27TH**

Here are ways **EVERYONE** can help:

1 Donate @ <http://tnsny.org/savethelibrary>

The amount we need is what **ONE YEAR** of private school costs in NYC. And it's what will preserve a library that serves over 311 students every year. So far we've raised over \$6,000 online. If every kid at TNS could raise or donate \$125, we'd have \$40,000. If you can give more, **DO**. Ask friends & family for donations. See if your employer will match your contribution.

2 Join our Coin Drive to Save the Library

Kids are collecting small change to save their library. Please donate your **QUARTERS, DIMES, NICKELS** and **PENNIES**. There's a collection receptacle in each classroom. A dollar a day per child from now till **JUNE 27TH** would net us close to \$14,000.

3 Come for a fundraiser

Mark your calendars for our **MAY 11TH** comedy fundraiser at Laugh Lounge, 151 Essex St at **6PM**, featuring **MOODY MCCARTHY** from Jimmy Kimmel. It's \$20 (all of which goes to the library fund) and a 2-drink minimum. There's also our **MAY 13TH** fundraiser (with **GLORIA STEINEM** and **GAIL COLLINS!** Tell your friends!) at McNally-Jackson bookstore, 52 Prince St at **6PM**. It's \$25 at the door and all proceeds (including book sales) go to the library fund. And remember our **JUNE 6TH** celebration of TNS's 20TH birthday at **5:30PM** — we'll fundraise there, too.

4 Volunteer!

Host a lemonade stand! Get creative!

Email Amy Richards (MsAmelia@aol.com), Marjorie Ingall (snarly@snarly.com) or Roxanne Wolanczyk (roxanne@wolanczyk.com) to volunteer. You can donate via Paypal on our website (<http://tnsny.org/savethelibrary>), or via a check to The Neighborhood School PTA (write "for the library" on the memo line). The PTA's a 501c3 charitable organization, so contributions are tax deductible.

Why give? Because the library and our wonderful librarian Cheryl are vital to our kids' education. Research shows that having a school librarian is strongly correlated with student achievement. Cheryl empowers our kids to love reading and teaches them

the research skills and media literacy they'll need for the real world. She brings in wonderful authors and does curriculum work in all our classrooms.

WE NEED OUR LIBRARY!

And we need help now. We're looking into grants and sponsorships to support the library in the future, and members of our community are trying to negotiate with the Department of Education about the extent of our budget cuts. But at this moment, we need cash. It's up to us.

Thanks!