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Margaret Atwood's Killam Corner raises over \$20,000

Kentville, Nova Scotia: An online fundraising campaign championed by Canadian author Margaret Atwood has raised over \$21,000. Ms. Atwood was approached by her cousin Lynn Pulsifer, a Kentville local. "Because Margaret Atwood has family ties to the area, I thought she would be willing to help us raise money for the new Kentville library", says Pulsifer. And she was right. Margaret Atwood's grandfather, Dr. Harold Killam, was a county doctor in the Berwick area at the turn of the century.

The online fundraiser was held for just over a month, with a goal of \$20,000. The amount raised online, via CanadaHelps.org was \$18,137. Several cheques were sent in totalling \$3450. Ms. Atwood put out the word that she would match up to \$3000 in donations; this prompted an anonymous donor to contribute the \$3000. In total, \$21,587 was raised from 190 donations. The money will be used in the new Kentville library to furnish the teen area of the library, which will be known as 'Killam Corner'. "Local youth were invited to help decide on the style and colours of the furnishings", says Julie Johnson, branch manger at the Kentville library. "We think that everyone is going to be really excited to see the area when the library opens. I can't thank Margaret Atwood enough for her support! "

This crowd-sourcing fundraiser has closed, but you can still help the Kentville library. The library is part of the National Trust for Canada's "This Place Matters' competition. Visit our website at www.valleylibrary.ca to find out how you can vote and help them win \$40,000 to create an amazing children's area in the new library.

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