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## Valley Stream Historical Society Teams Up with AmazonSmile Online Retailer Donates a Percentage of Sales to Non-Profit

VALLEY STREAM, New York October 10, 2018—The Valley Stream Historical Society (Society) has registered with the online retailer AmazonSmile. Launched in 2013, AmazonSmile offers the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference between the two websites, however, is that when a customer shops at AmazonSmile and chooses the Society as their “charity,” the foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the Society. Although 0.5% is not a large donation, and isn't intended to replace the generosity of loyal donors, AmazonSmile is still a great way to take advantage of a service that many folks are already using on a regular basis.

Carol McKenna, the Village Historian since 1996, came up with the idea and presented it to the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting. “Small acts of kindness can make a significant impact on an organization such as ours. Working with AmazonSmile provides a way for residents—both past and present, their family members, and other interested folks, to support the historical society and to help make a difference.”

Earlier this year, the Society received a grant from Documentary Heritage & Preservation Services for New York (DHPSNY). A statewide program that offers support to organizations that safeguard local history, DHPSNY is guiding the Society through the process of developing a Strategic Plan that will include new exhibits, events, a comprehensive archival repository, etc. All these projects require financial resources and AmazonSmile will help defray some of these costs.

For further information about AmazonSmile, please visit their website at <https://smile.amazon.com>

### Valley Stream Historical Society

In 1973, the Valley Stream Historical Society, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization was formed. In 2000, the New York State Board of Regents granted the Society its Absolute Charter. Mission Statement: “To bring together people who are interested in the history of Valley Stream and to collect and preserve historical records for the purpose of educating and fostering interest in our community.” Additional information on the Society can be accessed at [www.vsvny.org/historical](http://www.vsvny.org/historical)