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Dear Friend of the Butterfield Library,

The world has greatly changed since this time last year. As we write this letter to discuss the importance of your support for the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, we cannot help but think of the new stresses that all of us face as a result of COVID-19.

In March, our library was forced to close our doors because of the virus, limiting our ability to help the public. Unable to physically be there for our community, we quickly adapted to bring resources to our residents. We connected with people safely online, we continued to serve without adding risk, and provided hope and a friendly face in a time of fear.

We provided hours of learning through online resources such as Creative Bug, Universal Class, online story hours, watch parties, virtual tours, and numerous other online resources. The number of e-materials borrowed soared, as did the requests for ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and streaming videos. We offer unique lending libraries that includes items like laptops, mobile hotspots, yard tools, camping and hiking equipment, sewing machines, cake pans, musical instruments, LCD projectors, fishing rods and more to help inform and uplift during these difficult times.

The Butterfield Library is addressing the new challenges our community faces. Our roles continue to change as we are called upon to assist patrons with building their careers, providing social work and resources, and teaching technology skills. When life returns to normal, the Butterfield Library will continue to initiate educational and cultural activities through programs such as adult story hours, silent film and movie showings, CPR/defensive driving courses, passport acceptance, Notary Public services, passports, AARP tax preparation, museum passes, writing classes, literacy courses, and artists workshops.

In the meantime, we invite you to help Butterfield Library continue to help our community by making a donation today. Your support makes everything possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy B. Meyer".

Judy B. Meyer, President

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