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Dear Library Supporter,

Greetings and Happy Holidays! As your new Library Director, I would like to take this time to thank you for your past generous support of the Rockville Public Library, and seek your continued support in the future. This was an incredible year for the Library with many new changes; some that have taken place, and some awaiting the New Year.

Something Old, Something New

In 2018 we celebrated Rockville Public Library's 125th anniversary. This summer the library became a department of the Town of Vernon. The Mayor, and members of the Town Council, see the library as part of Vernon-Rockville's vibrant history, and future, and an integral part of enhancing the quality of life for its patrons through services and programs to the community.

Outreach & New Programs

As your new Library Director, I see the impact of our current wonderful programs, as well as the services and support provided by our staff to everyone who walks through our doors. My office is positioned perfectly to hear the excitement of the children as they come to visit the library, and attend Storytime each day. I want to ensure everyone who walks through our doors feels that same excitement.

As Director, my goal is to expand the library's relationships and presence in the community, and support the staff who provide our valuable programs and services. Like all organizations, libraries need to continually grow and transform. We are committed to our belief in reaching beyond our walls, and through partnership and collaboration with many of our community organizations, will obtain that goal. I invite your suggestions and welcome hearing what *your* hopes are for the library.

Additionally, I want to expand the programs we offer, specifically for children and teens. Our first step was reaching out to the Vernon Youth Services Department to establish a Youth Library Coalition.

Thank you for supporting our belief in growing our library through expanding programs and services, as part of enhancing our community relationships. Contributions from you, and others who support our mission, help us achieve these goals by funding the programs that connect people to our library, its dedicated staff, and our many resources, both within and beyond, our Town. This is a time of great excitement, and we are looking forward to the year 2019 and the changes that will come. Help us continue the legacy of our benefactor, George Maxwell, who in 1891 left \$10,000 in his will for the creation of a *free* public library. Your contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference in every life we touch. We really could not do all we do without your support.

Very Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Johnston

"There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration." Andrew Carnegie