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Ms. Deborah Ruelle
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Dear Debbie,

I want to express sincere appreciation for the generous donation of \$10,000 received by the library from your family in memory of your mother Mary Ruelle. It was so nice to meet and speak with you and your sister regarding your mom, her devotion to the West Allis Public library, and the lasting impact Mary had on library services in West Allis (and Milwaukee county).

As I mentioned, anyone growing up in the city (like myself), who used the public libraries interacted with Mary at some point. The dedication and foresight she had in working to meld three smaller branch libraries into our current building cannot be undervalued. The community continues to benefit greatly from the steadfast commitment Mary had in expanding library services in the community during her tenure as director.

We will use the thoughtful gift to benefit the users of the library – which I know Mary would endorse. She devoted so much of her life to advocating for and working towards quality public library service in the community, and I can't think of a better means to use the donation, but in some way benefit library users.

Thank you very much!

Kindest regards,

Michael Koszalka, Director
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