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Dear Library Supporter:

Attached is our annual report of the highlights and statistics for the Pittsylvania County Public Library during 2021-2022.

2021-2022 marked a return to something close to 'business as usual' after a couple of tough pandemic years. But of course nothing in a library is really 'usual'! Some initiatives are usual – we kept filling Little Laundromat Libraries and we kept providing monthly book reviews for the newspaper. But we also added Wonder Books to provide an enhanced reading experience for children that combines reading and listening. We gave away approximately 13,000 books to children throughout Pittsylvania County thanks to the generosity of the SOHO Center.

We finally started on the long-awaited renovation and expansion of the Gretna branch of the library. Even that was not 'usual' – the pandemic delays also increased costs, which the Board of Supervisors recognized and funded. The Danville Regional Foundation and the J.T.-Minnie Maude Charitable Trust encouraged us to 'think bigger' about our plans for Gretna's exterior, and gave us the funding to hire a landscape architect to design in all of the dreams generated during our earlier public listening sessions. We are working to implement those plans now, even as we continue to raise funds for them.

We remain especially grateful to the Library's outstanding Board of Trustees, the PPL Foundation, and the Friends groups, who have offered guidance and support. These engaged advocates enhance library operations and make possible all of our improvements to facilities and services. They even sort, bag, and distribute books at events and in parades! We are also grateful for the support provided by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors and the county administration, the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Library Association.

Our 16 full-time and 14 part-time library staff members serving in our five branches and the bookmobile remain dedicated to providing continued outstanding service to the county 244.5 hours every week.

This is my last annual report. I am retiring on 30 September, 2022, after 40 years of working – just over 10 years of it with the Pittsylvania County Public Library, and 6 of it as Director. They have been truly enjoyable and rewarding years, and I thank everyone who has made it so much fun. I inherited a wonderful staff and library. I hope I have made it better. I know that my successor, Rhonda Griffin, will continue to move it forward and I wish her, and all of you, all the best.

Sincerely,

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