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Dear Friends:

The gift-giving season is upon us and I want to urge you to buy a book for the young people in your life. Better yet — give your young reader a gift certificate to a well-stocked bookstore and offer to be the chauffeur for the trip. You can have the fun of watching as your child or grandchild chooses the book s/he really wants.

Children need to own books as well as learning the library habit. Research studies show that children who have books in the home are more likely to become good readers. Children who read for pleasure become better readers and writers.

Our children need books more than ever if they are to compete in the global marketplace. American families are spending less on books than at almost any time in the last two decades. Turn that trend around and buy a book for the children you love.

Sincerely, *Mary Riskind*, Library Director



Hello Friends:

As Studs Terkel said: “All you need in life is truth and beauty and you can find both at the Public Library.”

You can find even more than that at the Bergenfield Library: Tuesday morning programs; ESL classes; children’s programs; young adult after-school programs; book clubs; author panels; reference facilities... I could go on and on (I’m known for that), but for now, I’ll just say everything you need is here at the Library. We even provide food for the soul. So stop in soon and fill yourself up with new ideas. The knowledge is free – just bring your own container.

– *Linda C. Mohr*

President, Friends of the Bergenfield Library (LCMohr@LCMohr.com)



Our *Mavens of Mystery* author event was a huge success. Thank you to our authors, our organizers and our guests.

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Young children benefit from the opportunities to develop their early literacy skills and get ready to learn to read with the help of public libraries.

Library staff help students learn how to perform age-appropriate Internet searches using the public library's free public access workstations, and other library learning tools and services, such as live online tutoring and Web-based resources for homework help.



Teens need easy access to quality resources and trained professionals to master the skills they need in order to lead successful careers and personal lives. Free access to books, the Internet, information technologies and other library resources that reflect a wide range of topics and opinions also helps prepare teens

to become informed, active participants in a democratic society.

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them. — *Ray Bradbury*

The Friends need your help to purchase a DVD Player for the ***Children's Room***. This will be used to show films and children's books that are available as mixed media on DVD: music, voice and animation. ***Won't you help us?***

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