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## Board of Supervisors:

I can't believe I have been in my position as director for two years. Time has flown by and it has been a very busy time for myself and my staff. I have enjoyed my new role and look forward to what the future holds for the Madison County Library System. After being a part of this library system for 33 years, I am dedicated to providing the best possible service to our library patrons and our communities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support of all of our MCLS libraries and patrons. We could not provide the services we do without the support of the Madison County Supervisors.

MCLS is faithfully committed to our mission to serve our communities. Our libraries continue to strive to provide outstanding services to meet the needs of our patrons. We provide those services in house in our libraries, through digital platforms, and outreach in our communities.

We just finished our summer reading program this week, just in time to send our Madison County youth back to school. Our goal is to keep our youth involved with reading during the summer months, so they transition back into school more easily. We do this by making it a fun and enjoyable summer for the whole family. Our summer programs include something for all ages, from babies through adults. We love programs that bring families together like our Sky Hero's program this summer at the Madison Airport. With more than 300 people in attendance, it was a fun learning experience for all!

Our bookmobile continues to bring the library to the community, serving those with limited access. In addition to retirement communities, nursing homes, summer programs and community events.

Earlier this month, MCLS partnered with Canton Tourism and the Mississippi Film Office to host the annual Canton Young Filmmakers Workshop. Talented youth from across the state and beyond spent

"Serving Madison County" http://www.mcls.ms two intensive weeks at the library learning the ins and outs of filmmaking from story concept and screenwriting to acting and filming to final editing. The young filmmakers hosted a showing of their movies for family and friends at the "Red Carpet Premier Event" in our meeting room. This year MCLS rented top of the line cameras and computer equipment so the films could be done in 4K. The young filmmakers will be able to use this film experience on college applications and even job applications in the film industry.

With your continued support, we will go forth with our mission to serve our communities and to reflect those communities through our programming and services. Your financial support will ensure the sustainability of our projects, to continue bringing innovative services to our patrons, and to meet staffing needs.

At this time, the Canton Library is in need of new flooring in our children's room and in our administration areas upstairs. The carpeting in the children's room is severely worn and has suffered damage due to flooding from plumbing in the past. Also, we had to cut the carpet from one of our upstairs offices due to old water damage/musty smell as well. We ask that additional money be allocated specifically to replace the flooring since library funds may not be used for this purpose. Since Madison County and the City of Canton split the cost of upkeep for our building in Canton, we have included the same request in our budget letter to the City of Canton.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration. I am always available to answer any questions you may have about the Madison County Library System.

Sincerely

Tammie Terry, MLIS

**Executive Director** 

Madison County Library System