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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! All of us at the library are looking forward to serving you in 2021 with dedication, excellence, and joy! It has been a most challenging year, yet we have many reasons to express our gratitude.

First, to all our patrons who pivoted to the new ways of borrowing library materials and experiencing library programs, kudos to you for your flexibility and for learning new skills! To those of you who keep in touch with us via Facebook comments, emails, and good, old-fashioned cards and notes, know that we deeply appreciate your words and your feedback.

Second, to so many in our City, from our governing departments to our civic and community organizations, to our Library Board of Trustees, thank you for recognizing the value and strength of the library, especially in times of crisis and change.

Finally, I want to thank our library staff who have never skipped a beat since the library closed by Executive Order on March 13, 2020. We reopened in mid-July, offering almost all of our services, moving outdoors when indoor programs were no longer possible. Staff members never stopped coming in to our buildings. Our library aides and our librarians were going to make certain that our patrons got what they needed from setting up seamless Library Takeout and computer appointment systems to home deliveries. Our literacy teachers immediately began offering virtual classes and other staff stepped up to make sure that the labor-intensive Weaver Library Farmers' Market would continue. Several staff members began creating wonderful new content for recordings. Others continued the work of building our collection, communicating with our residents, and mentoring young adults. All learned new skills and put all their strengths to work. I couldn't be prouder to be a member of this staff.

My best for a new year filled with hope,

Joyce May
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