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Dear Mr. Seidl,

I want to let you know, from a mother's perspective, what a fine children's department you have at the Decatur Public Library. Our son is only thirteen months old and already the children's department is one of his favorite places. Mary Lou Dwyer and Katie Gross have always been friendly and helpful. They never fail to make our son feel especially welcome. Our first visit was commemorated with a photograph of us which was displayed for a good length of time. Drew loved seeing his picture with all of the others and I think it made him feel at home.

The birthday party for one year olds was a lot of fun. We have enjoyed Drew's boardbook gift and also playing a new game that was demonstrated. Right now, Drew is a very active toddler and probably wouldn't appreciate the lap read program as much as he will later. When his attention span and ability to stay put for a couple of minutes increases, I'll be certain to take part in the lap read program.

Recently, Mary Lou Dwyer compiled a list for me of books that the Decatur Public Library has which are recommended by La Leche League International. Our local LLL group has a library, but cannot afford to purchase all of the recommended books. Now, thanks to Mary Lou, we have a list of the books that are available at the Decatur Public Library. What a time-saver for us! It will also help us to decide which books to add to our group library.

In short, the children's librarians are very helpful and create a warm, open atmosphere in their department. It pleases me to know that our son will grow up with a fondness for the public library and books.

I am also pleased with the response received from Leta Burch of the art department. Our local La Leche League group requested a display during May to promote breastfeeding awareness. Leta was quick to get the ball rolling and put together an attractive display using DPL books along with props we had on hand. It was a pleasure to work with Leta and our group is very happy with the display.

I just wanted to offer you this feedback on some talented members of your library staff.