

I loved hanging
out in the teen
room with my
friends. It's always
fun.
- Tally 13 yrs

When I was around
15 years old, I would walk
2 miles to my library. One day
the neighbor's dog was loose and
followed me all the way to the library!
She was not a friendly dog and would
try to bite strangers. The librarians
knew me very well and that I wouldn't
pull that kind of stunt. So they put the
dog on an ~~enclosed~~ enclosed patio and I had
to call my parents and explain why I
needed a dog leash and a ride home.
~ ~ ~
The same thing happened again,
about 5 years later, except it was
in a different town, different
library, different neighbor...
I lucked out though, there
was a vet's office near by
that gave me a simple
leash... and had to
call my parents
once again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
CAR JOE
I LIKE
BOOKS



Happy
B-day
Cherry meridian
library lane
I
love reading
BOOKS ♥
- F M Pie
age 8

checking out
all the
amazing books
here!!!

- Allie
Valentine

We love
Story time at the
Library! Thank you for
having fun programs!

- Cassandra Nielsen
+ family.

The
first time I
checked out
Cuddles
George

Happy
birthdays
Cherry Lane
Library
From
Jannie



COMING
+ ONLY
MOMMS
OFFENSE

I love to check
out books and
use the shopping
carts. OLIVE
HIRECART

I went to
the Pokémon
event at the
library and I
played
Pokémon with one
of the staff.
Eric

Happy 20th! I have
fun reading books. It's
a lot of fun because of my
special needs, reading helps
me. The library staff helps
me too. When I read, it
makes me happy.
Kathy

Hi - It is Bri
Happy Birthday.
I Am

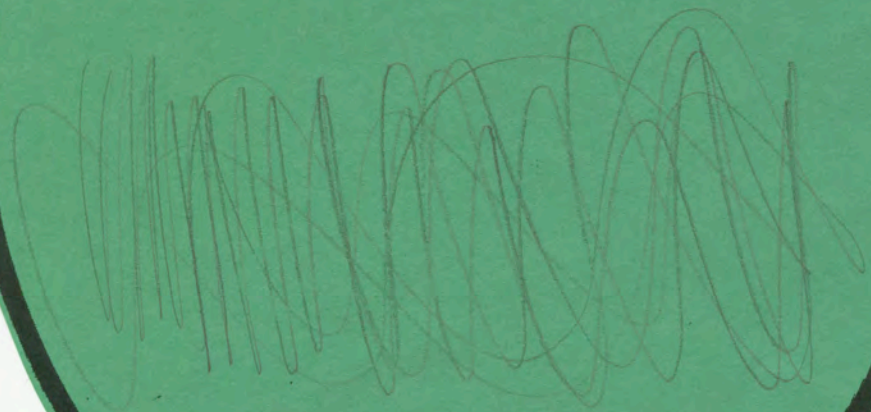


Happy Birthday to
the Muidian Library! I
have used you so much &
I appreciate those who
work who make it all
possible.

Love

Kelsey Ormiston

I found very
fun Games!

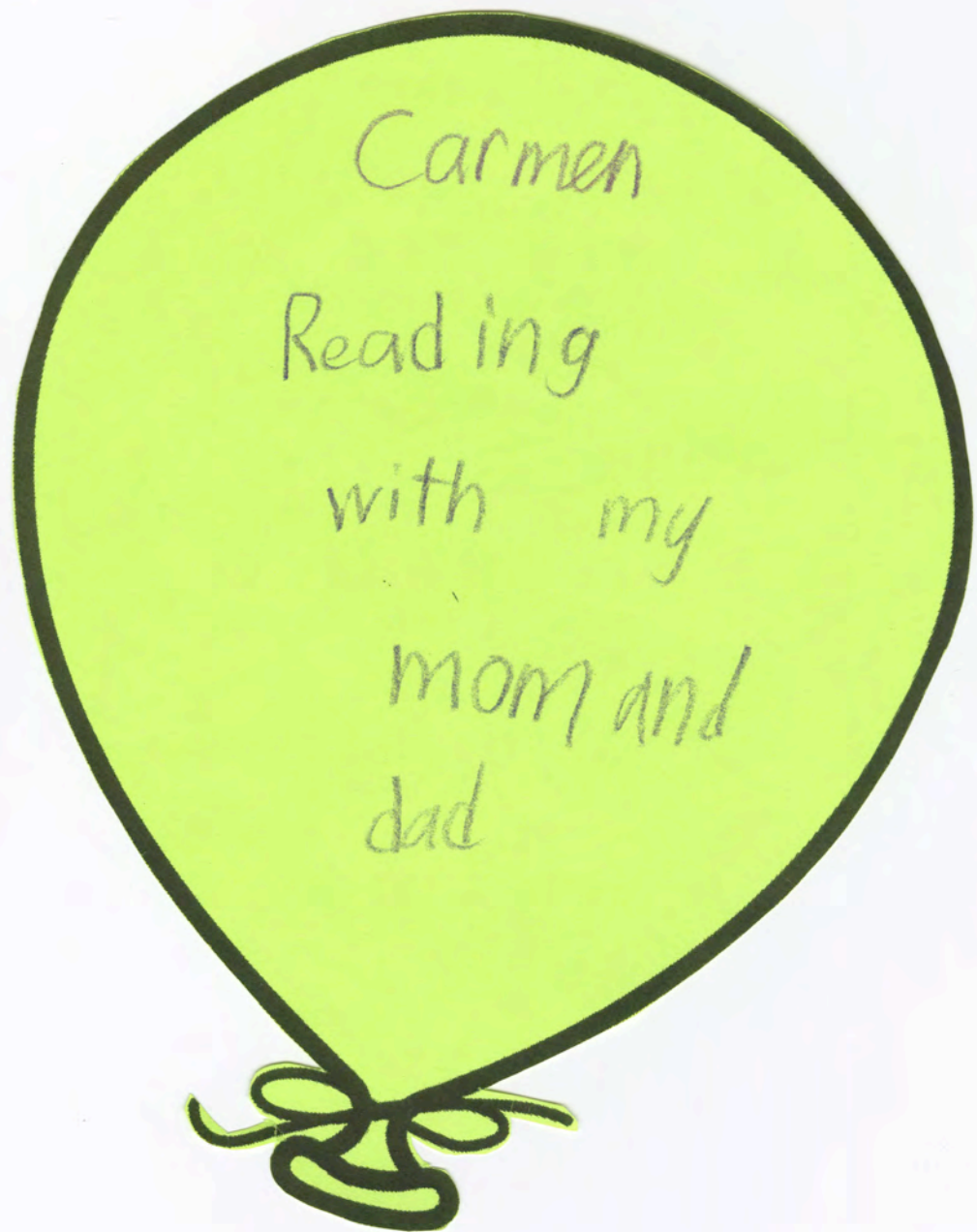
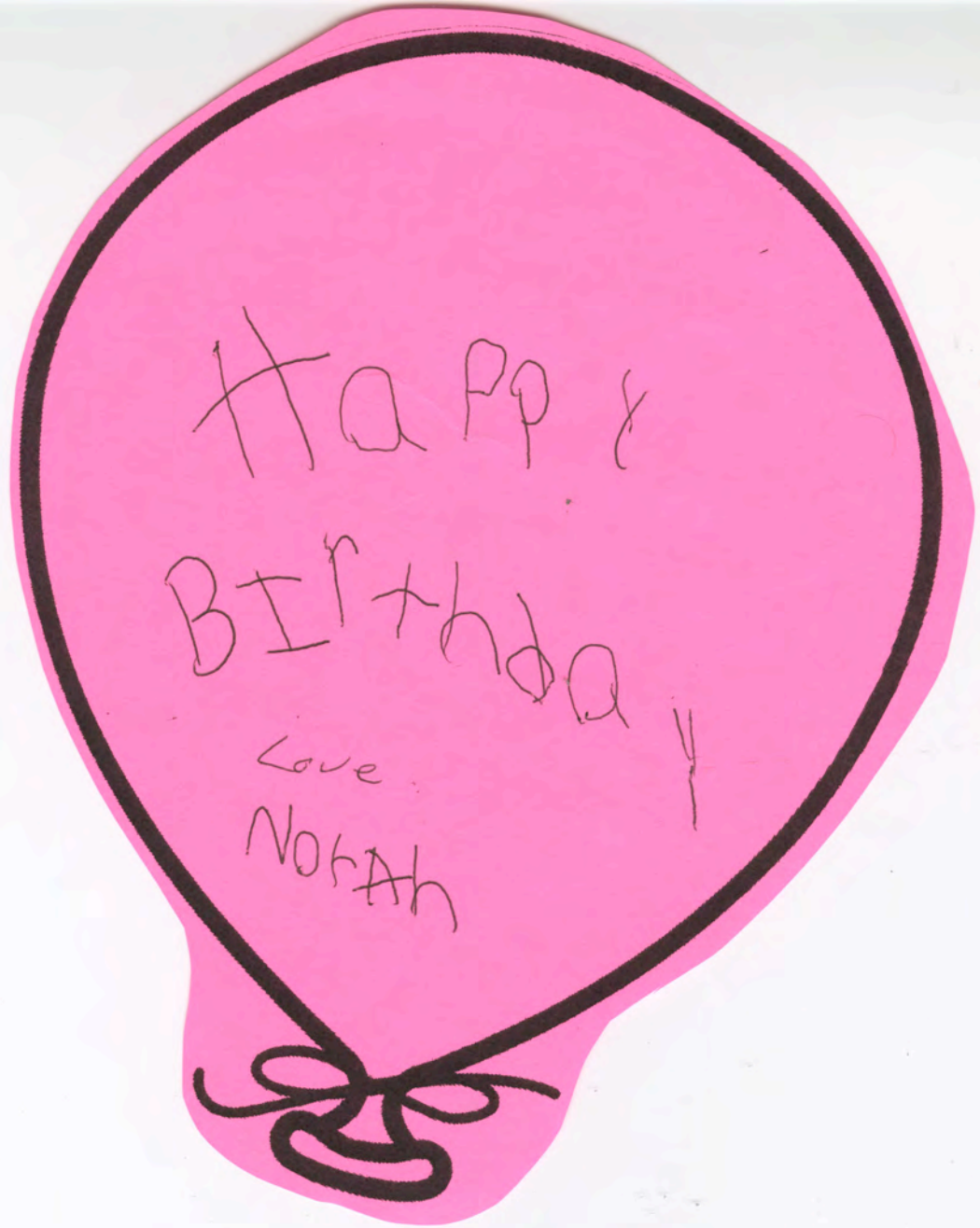
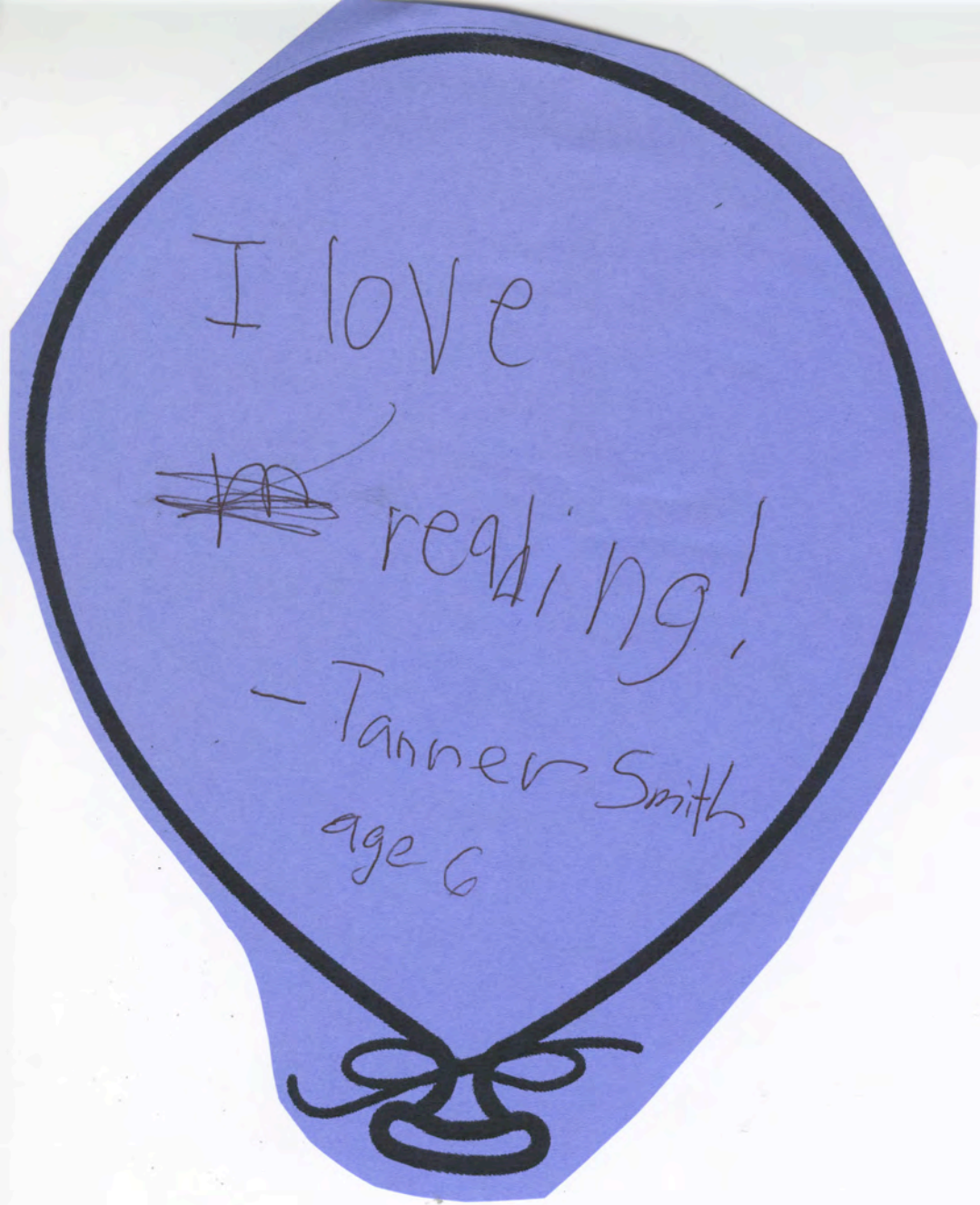


Over watch

I remember
when the library
opened and was present
@ the ribbon cutting.
Richard Paul Evans made
a visit soon after. I
brought in a few of his
books to get signed

Great place
&
memories





I remember the
first time we took
our grandkids to
story time. The sheer
joy on their sweet
faces! They
still love to
Read

Natalie
I love Silly Song
and Dance Class
and the computers.
Happy Birthday
Library 😊

Happy
Birth Day
Congratulations on
20 yrs. !!
I thank you for all
you do. We love the
Library 😊

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New Meridian library on schedule

City Council approves plans, construction to begin in May

By Loren Roberts
The Valley News

MERIDIAN — Shhhhhh. Something special is happening in Meridian.

After breezing through the city's planning and zoning commission, officials from the Meridian Public Library received the nod from the City Council Tuesday to proceed with construction of the city's new 30,000-square-foot public library.

In a 4-0 vote, the council OK'd the library, slated for 1323 W. Cherry Lane.

Library Executive Director Patty Younger said architects will work on building specifics, and construction bids will be out by early March.

"Everything went just smoothly — just perfect. That's because we had everything planned out,"

How to help:

Library officials are accepting donations for meeting room furniture, or cash donations to build a fountain and/or statue in front of the new library.

Call the library at 888-4451 to donate.

Younger said Tuesday.

Meridian voters approved the \$3.4-million bond to build the new library last November. More than 77 percent of voters were in favor of the upgrade from the present 4,500-square-foot library on East Idaho Avenue.

"I think we're going to come in within budget," Younger said. "It's going to be noticeable to the public that we don't have enough furniture to furnish the meeting room."

Younger said the meeting room — which will be

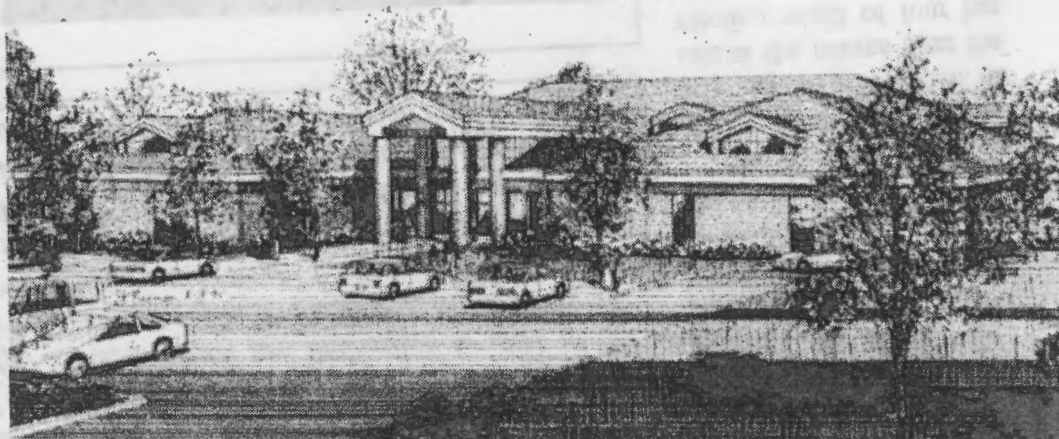


Photo courtesy of the Meridian Library

An artist's rendering of the 30,000-square-foot library slated for West Cherry Lane in Meridian. Construction of the building is set to begin in early May.

about 4,500 square feet and seat about 300 people — is in dire need of chairs and tables. Library officials are soliciting assistance from the public to donate suitable tables and chairs for the room.

In addition, Younger would like to see a fountain

or statue grace the area in front of the building. She said these items weren't budgeted into the bond because they are luxuries, not necessities.

"We only put in things we felt were utilitarian," Younger said. "We didn't feel we should use taxpay-

ers money for decorative items."

Tom Ensley, of Architects Inc. in Boise, is designing the building. Ensley designed Caldwell's new public library.

Library officials are shooting for a spring 1997 opening in Meridian.

Eagle officials more concerned about Boise River's higher waters

By Loren Roberts
The Valley News

EAGLE — A solid year of snowfall in the mountainous regions and increasing temperatures have Eagle city officials concerned about the water level of the Boise River.

Mayor Chuck Bower, members of the Eagle City Council, and the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed the issue Tuesday in a joint workshop at City Hall.

City officials plan to draw up two ordinances in the coming months — a Boise River and stream system management ordinance, and a pathway ordinance.

Councilman Rick Yzaguirre, liaison to the pathway committee, said the group is still meeting but some members are "burnt out." He said members of the committee want to get the ordinance into place and not work on it "until hell freezes over."

"It's been a good committee," said Yzaguirre of the five or six remaining members. "We don't want to keep dealing with individual developments."

Yzaguirre and Bower agreed that new members need to be placed on the committee — one that will dictate what is expected of developers who develop along the Boise River.

"We'd look for farmers, landowners — people that

See RIVER on Page 3

APA pitches Destination 2015 to board members Monday

About \$100 million tabbed for roads in Meridian

By Loren Roberts
The Valley News

MERIDIAN — Transportation could be getting easier in Meridian and western Ada County in the years ahead.

Several major road projects — totalling about \$100 million — are planned for Meridian and the city's impact area during the next 20 years. The projects are outlined in the Ada Planning Association's Destination 2015 plan. The plan — which has been in the works for 2 1/2 years — is up for approval Monday by APA's board.

APA Deputy Director Erv Olen said the plan outlines roadway projects considered for Ada County.

In Meridian and the outlining impact area, five projects totalling \$12.75 million are on tap during the next six years. The projects include improving:

- Eagle Road from Fairview Avenue to Chinden Boulevard: \$8.5 million.
- Pine Street from Eagle Road to Cloverdale Road: \$350,000.
- Franklin Road from Linder Road to Meridian Road: \$2.5 million.
- Locust Grove Road from Ustick Road to Fairview Avenue: \$1.2 million.
- Ten Mile Road from Cherry Lane to Ustick Road: \$200,000.

Also planned for Meridian are \$27.9 million in

What's next:

The Ada Planning Association Board will discuss the proposed Destination 2015 plan at its meeting Monday at Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 W. Front St., Boise.

The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.

Call 345-5274 for more information.

projects within the next 20 years, and \$57.7 million tabbed for capitol projects for right-of-way preservation within the next 20 years.

Olen said Meridian's growth during the past 10 years makes transportation planning vital in the city of about 22,000 people.

"I think Meridian's growth rate has been explosive, to put it mildly, and we're trying to keep on pace with

See DESTINATION on Page 2

Libraries in Meridian started with the Occident Club. They focused

on book reports, the study of foreign cultures, and musical numbers.

In 1995, Betsy Buckley and Pam Wood

founded the Friends of the Library group.

On September 12, 1924, the first traveling

library was opened at Songer Pharmacy.

The Meridian Library's location was chosen in 1995

because it was the exact center of the city.

In 1950, the Occident Club purchased the Interurban Stage Station.

By 1968, they had expanded the building to 1800 square feet.

The tree standing by the antique plow to the

north of the building is the only tree left from the original property.

There used to be two main libraries; Meridian Free Library District and the Meridian Public Library.

On August 16, 1975 the two combined to form the Meridian Library District.

The previous owner, Anna Koskela,

donated the antique plow at the side of the building.

The construction of the Meridian Library

started in May 1996 and took one year to complete.

The Bookmobile was bought in 2004.

Its first outing was the Annual Christmas Parade.

The Meridian Library opened

on May 16, 1997.

The Sprinter was bought in 2014.

Its collection can go inside of houses!

The Silverstone Branch was opened

on March 30, 2009.

The Bookmobile and Sprinter average over 121

stops and visits per month. Not counting events!

The Silverstone Branch owns a pet bearded

dragon named Edgar Dragon Poe.

UnBound was opened October 15, 2015.

It has 4 3D printers, a design lab, a sound recording studio, and more!



Irodo and I love coming to the Children's library and having kids read to us. Ronay + Irodo

The effort and love you put into our community is invaluable. My whole family appreciates every one of your loving commitments!! Erica Daw



THE LIBRARY... MY SECOND HOME! GERALDINE STOPPERS

Thanks for your great Teen Center. You guys rock! -Rachel

TEAM POS. ROC, Tasia

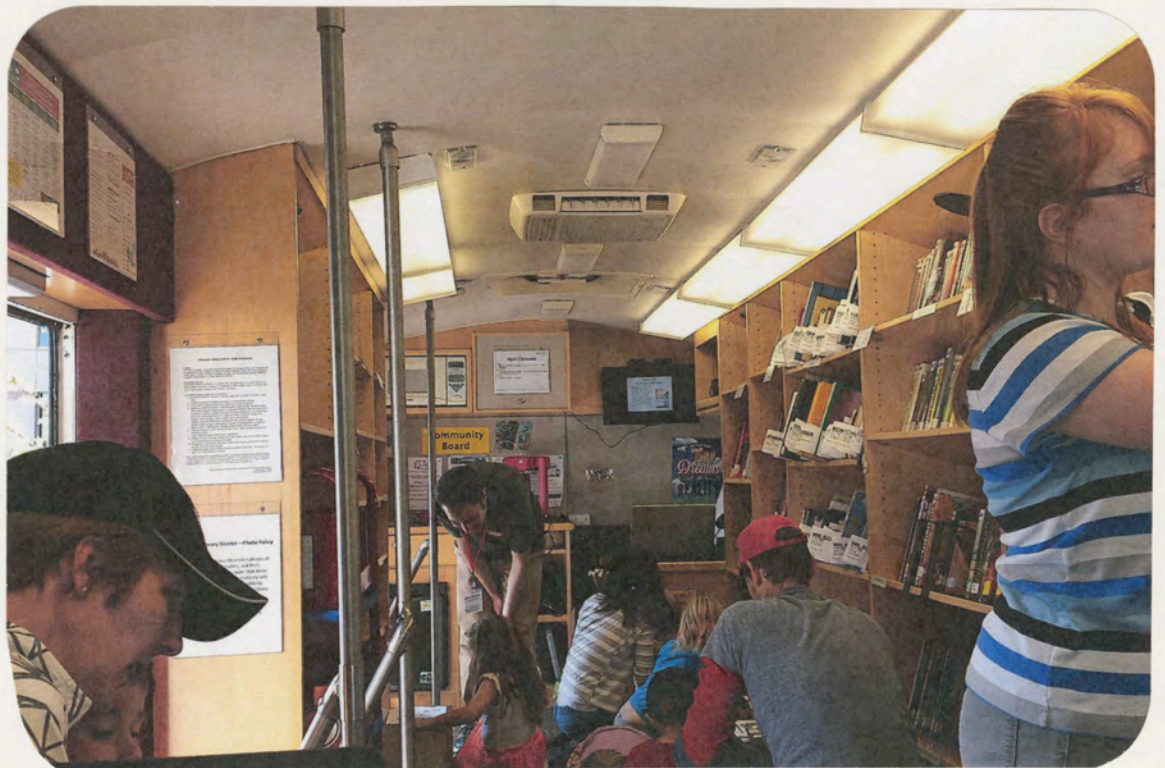


"Oldies but goodies" love to y'all! Barb

I have read since I was a little girl. & worked here for 15 yrs Books were my life as I grew up.

Pat Rabell

This place is awesome



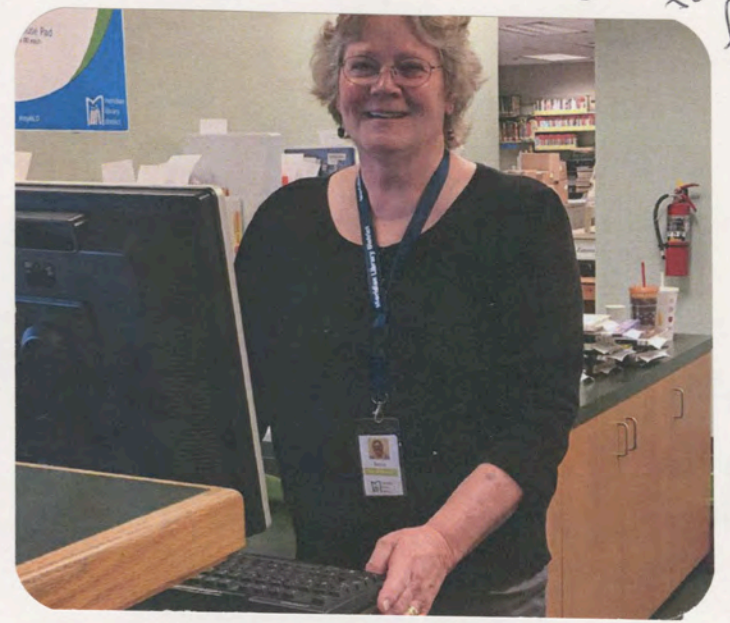
Happy Birthday B-crew



This place has so many good books is on Chery Lane!
I love you Meridan Libray
Love how helpful, convenient & fun this library is on Chery Lane!
Happy Reading!

Overwatch is the best game ever and you guys hate it!

So good to see friendly faces!
Franz



Happy Birthday -
Brianna Hunziker

It is Fun!
We'd Miss Skye!

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Millie

Jenna

Suey

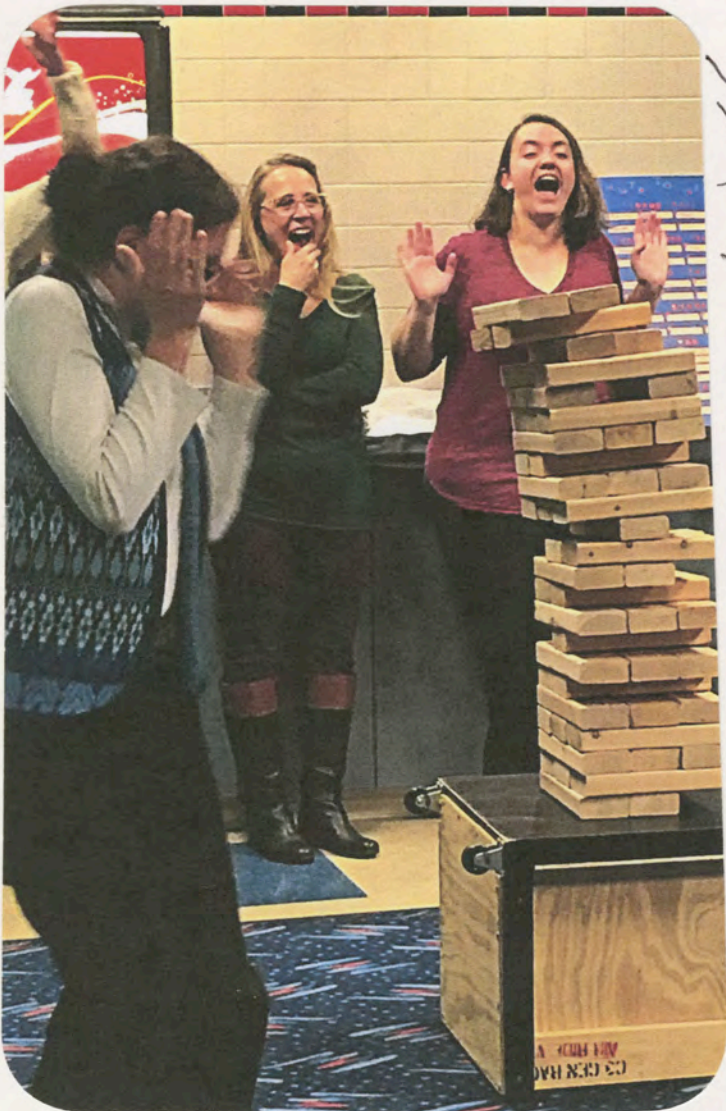


The Best Library. I love, love, love it.
Thank you for all you do.
Happy Birthday! Wendy

Great!

Love this library!

Happy birthday!
Your staff is simply the best!
Thanks
B



What a fun holiday party. The Jenga game was a huge hit!
- D. Crook

Love this branch
The folks here are very helpful.
Read! ☺

Janet Maxwell

Thank you!
♡

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♡

Happy birthday!!



Thank you!
♡

I love this Library

- Jessica H.

Thanks so much for being here!
I ♡ the books!



We LOVE pajama storytime & preschool storytime!
LOVE the teachers, especially Miss Sky!

MY FAVORITE

IS THE PLAY KITCHEN
MY SUPERPOWER IS GETTING LOST IN A GOOD BOOK. ♡

I have been here 8 years + seen the wonderful changes every few months. Happy Birthday Sarah Bordenkicher

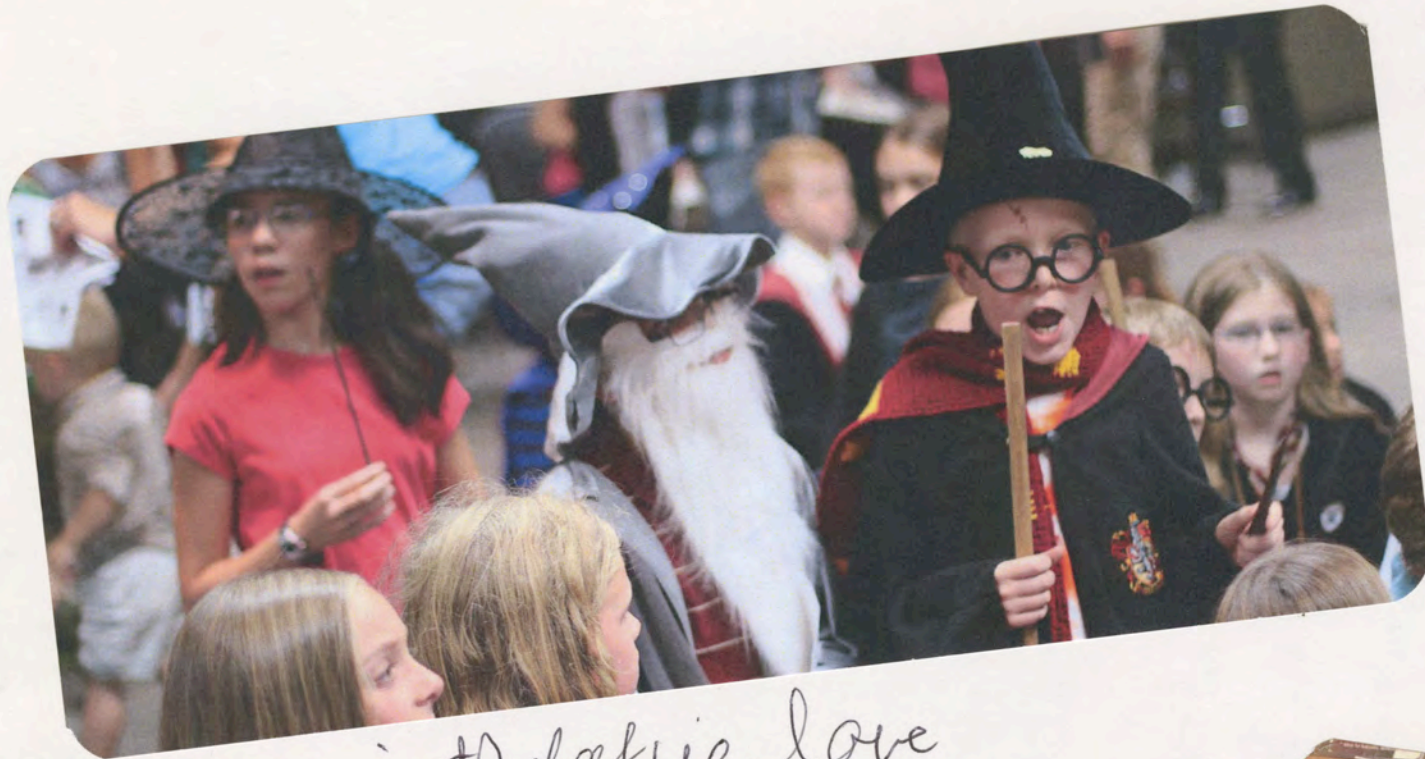
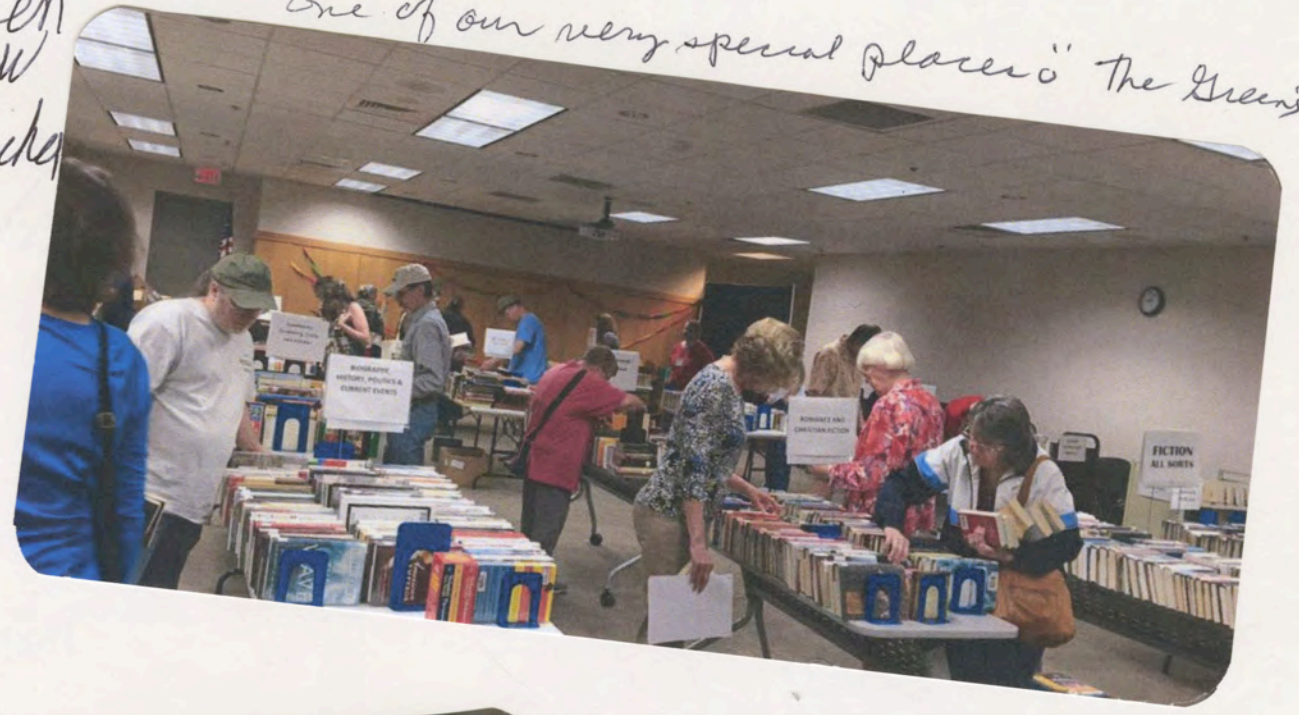
THIS IS A GREAT

LIBRARY

Bordenkicher

happy B-dary!

One of our very special places! The Green's



Happy Birthday!
We LOVE having you
in our community!

Kristin
& Jenkins Family

This place saves us so much money and has allowed my children to develop a love for books and reading.
- Walker Family

Happy birthday love

You all are the library

The most amazing library staff in the valley & we are so lucky to have you all keep up the FANTASTIC job! Happy Birthday & Thank You! -Walch

Happy Birthday
We love the library!
Ryan A 10

Not Ah

MY grandma loves this place



I miss this man...
Where is he?! He was
so nice! ↓



Happy Birthday!

We love this
library!
Happy Birthday
The Nielson
family

Happy birth day!
Very much enjoying
my first year here
MR ☺

The library is
my happy
place! I feel
rich leaving with
a stack of
books!



We Love
the Library } happy birthday



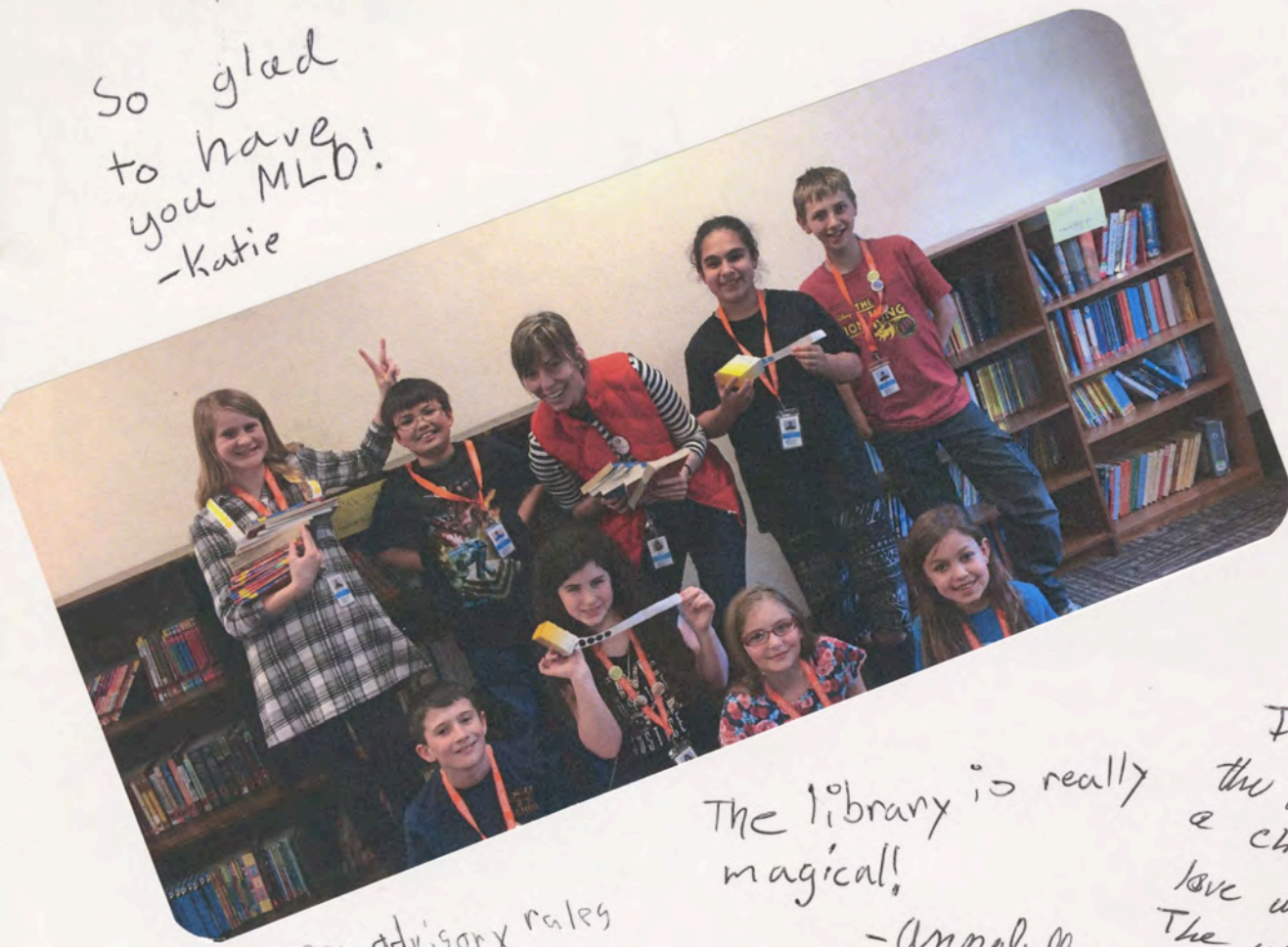
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library!
DAR Steenblix

we love this
library.

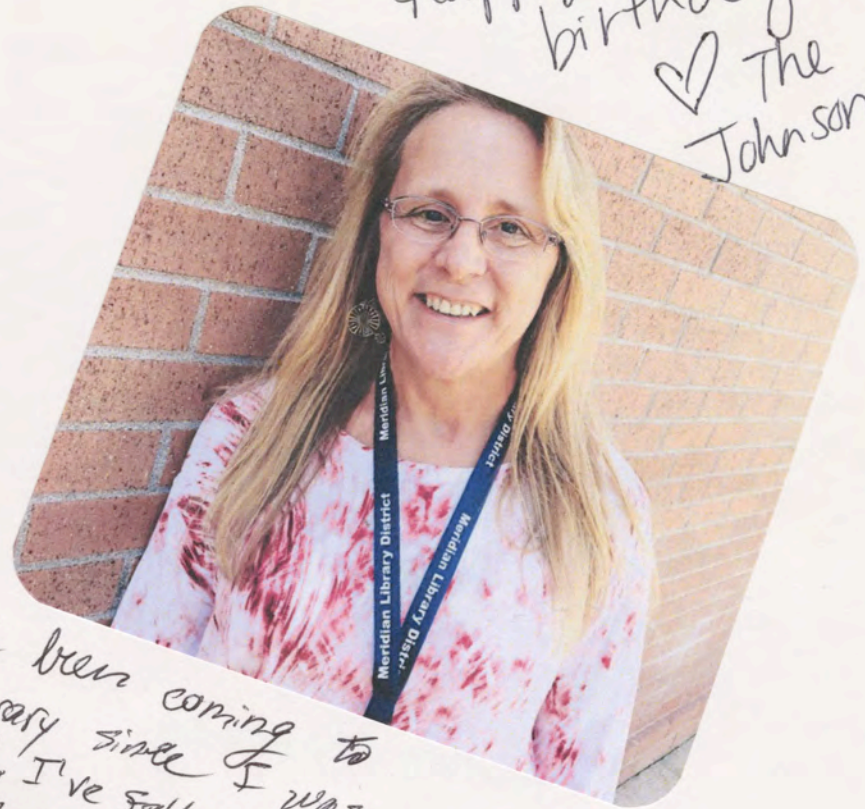
When people
ask me what my
favorite place
is, I say this
library. Thanks
for making
it happen!
L

MY FAVORITE LIBRARY IN ALL OF ADA COUNTY. THANKS!!

So glad to have you MLD!
-Katie



Happy birthday!
♥ The Johnsons



The library is really magical!

-Annabelle

I've been coming to the library since I was a child. I've fallen in love with this place. The way it has developed is amazing.

Greatest library in the world - you guys really care a lot!

Dloyd Pinkert

Been around so long! Glad you here Meridian main!

-Erin

I'm honored & proud to have volunteered & work here. -Brit D.

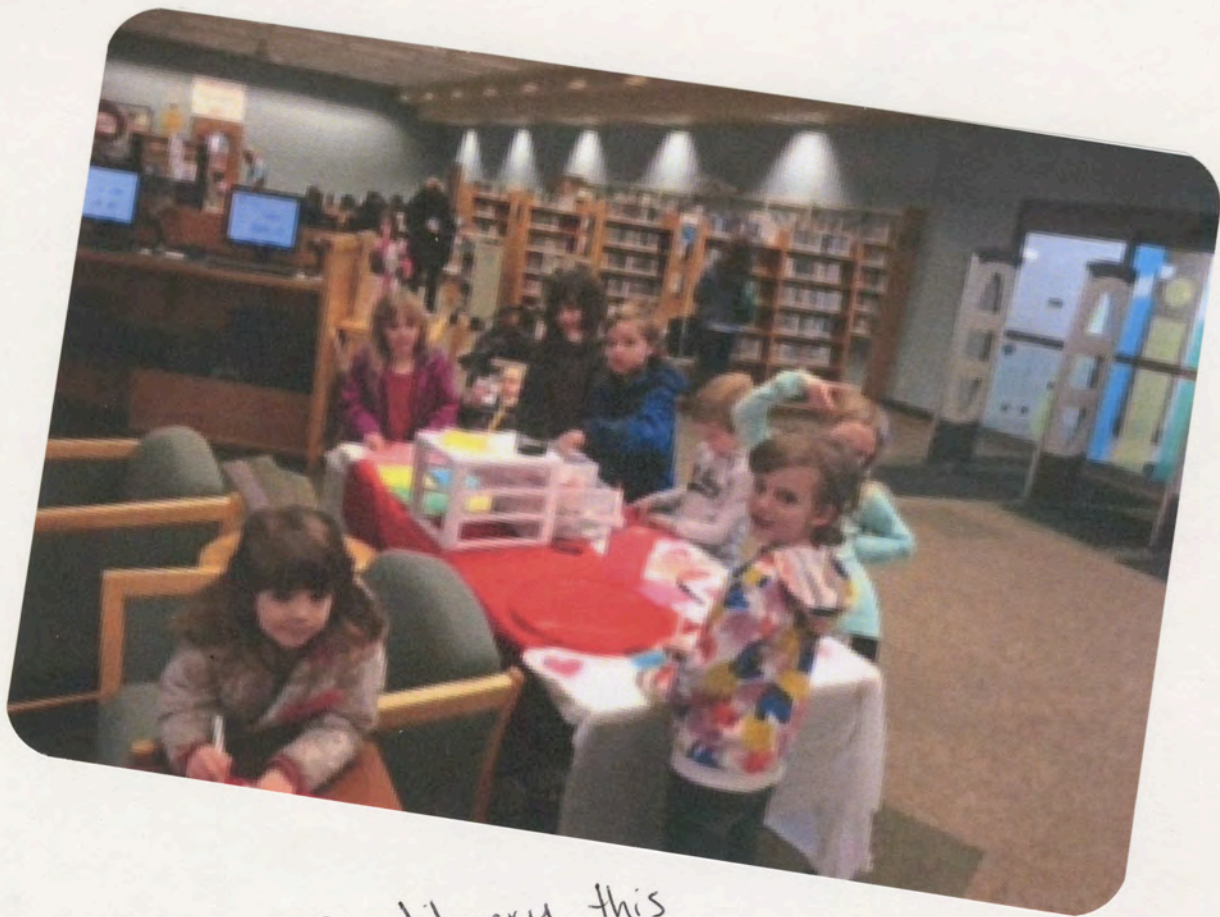
We all love this library, I'm glad to have it. -Reagan



Thankyou so much for providing a great place to come for readers! Kanu

♥ u!

There's no place like the library. There's no place like the library - Ashley



I ♥ this library this place warms my heart. Thank-you meridian Cherry lane library. I love books, crafts and people using technology! -Marlene



♥♥♥ this library!!

WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE THIS LIBRARY AS A RESOURCE. FRIENDLY HELPERS, FANTASTIC PROGRAMS, GREAT BOOKMOBILE! THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ♥



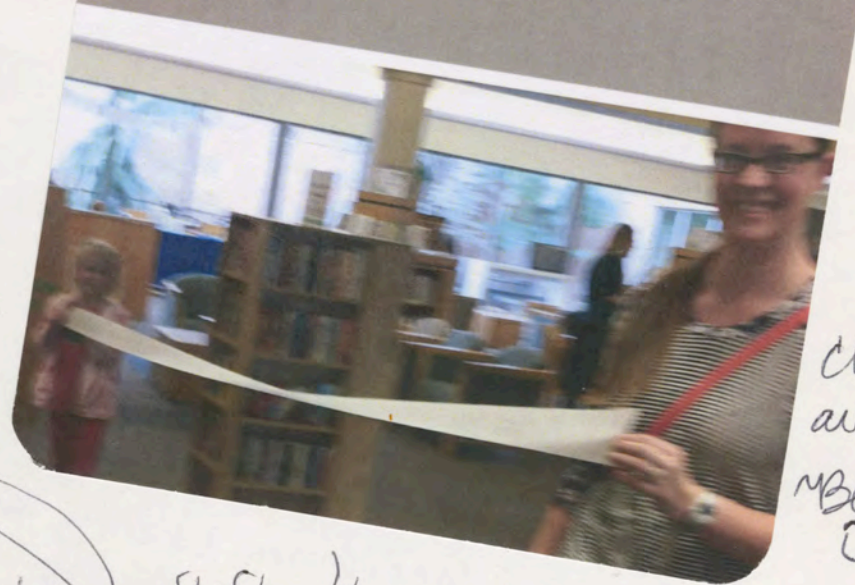
Happy 20th Birthday!

I love this place



I Love this place
my love

You just saved \$1,587.25 by using your library. You have saved \$3,638.78 this past year and \$6,774.14 since you began using the library!



crazy awesome
 Rebecca
 ☺

happy birthday
 zion



This place is my second home
 to everyone here!
 Love you,
 Gabinelle
 Kennager
 Volunteer, 14-present





LIBRARIES ARE FUN!

Terrific Library
and wonderful staff!
Thanks!

Yum NOM



For the last
19 years I've
Always Been
happy to come
to the library.
So thank you.
Rick Christensen



You all do such a nice job, helping all of us feel so welcome! Thank you!!
The Cartwells

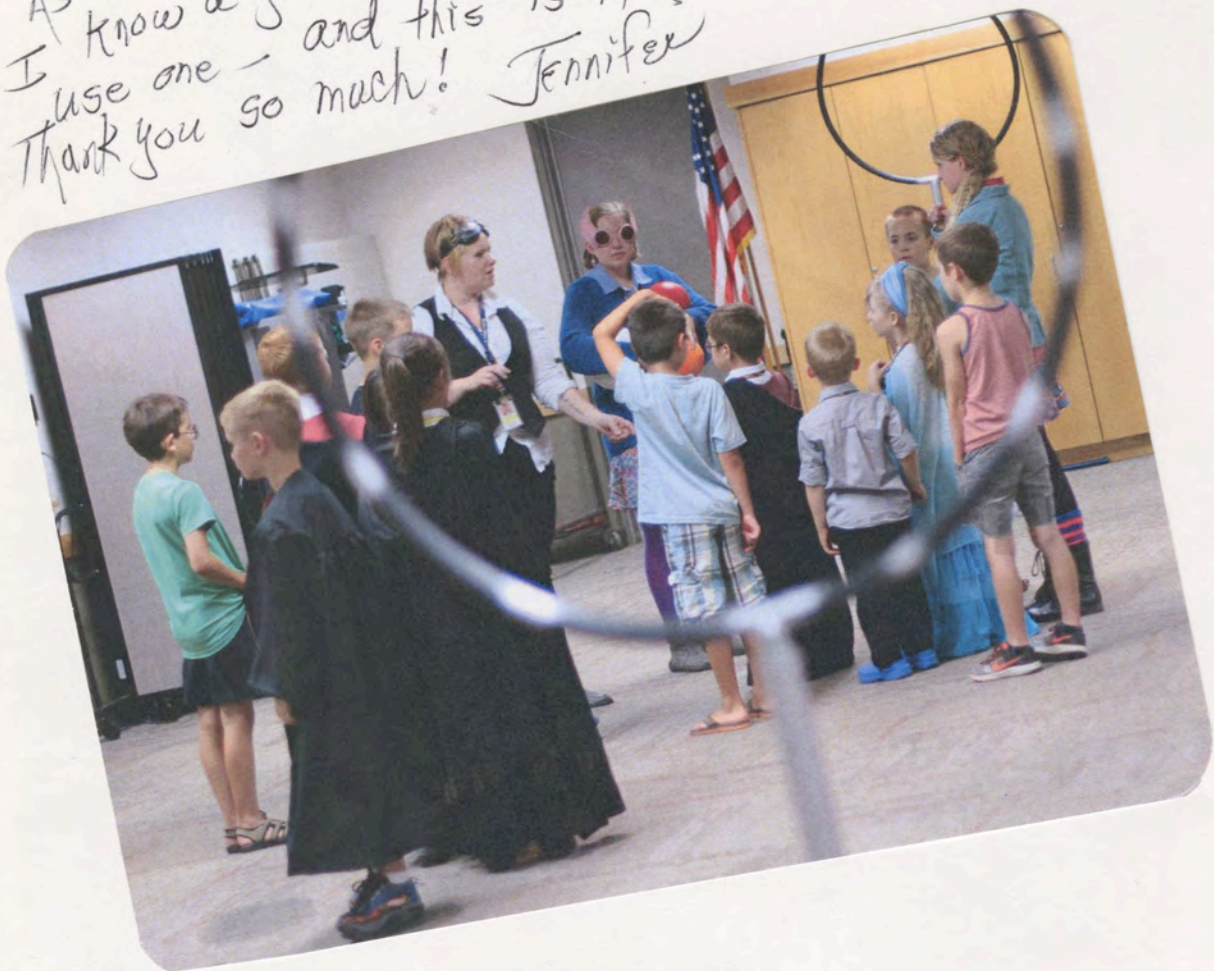


AVS
Appreciates you
all!



This is our favorite place to be!
Happy birthday to The
Spencers

As a former librarian,
I know a great library when I
use one - and this is it!!
Thank you so much! Jennifer



This library is
awesome!
We LOVE Storytime!
Thank you Cherry Lane!

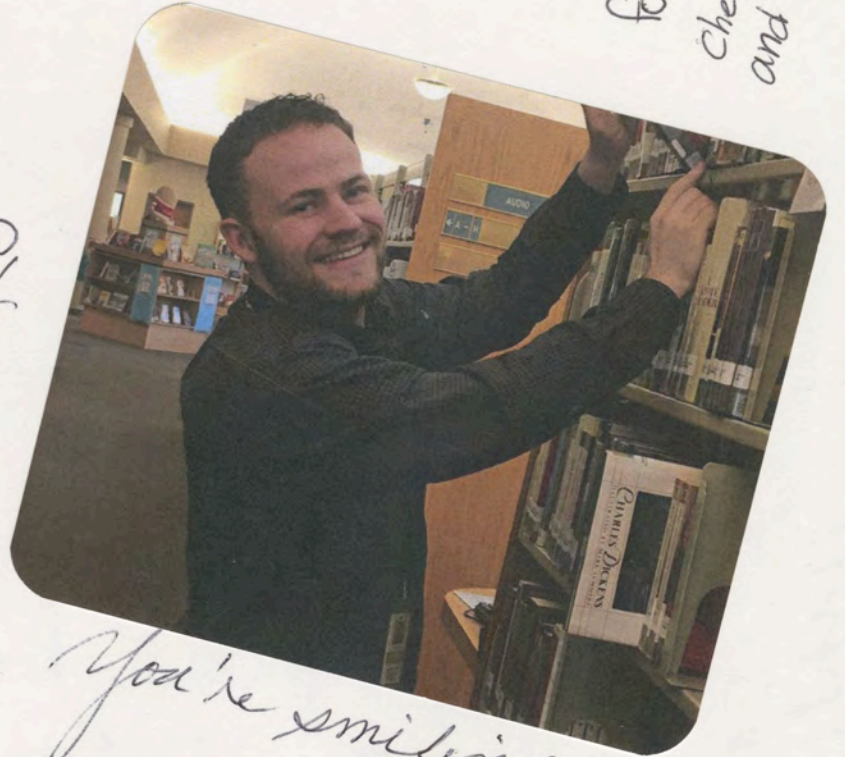
Sind, Ellie Scott



Gracias!
Danke!
Thank you
Merci
Bencoug!

HAPPY-Elizabeth
BIRTHDAY, MLD!
Thank you
for letting Kids
check out Book
and more.
-Sadie Parker

AD



You're smiling!

Happy 20th! This was my home and
haven during high school. Love this place!
Have to another 20! - Nathan ~~nutcracker~~



Happy Birthday!
I love the books!
-Faith Johnson



I love this place,

I love this library!!

Thank you so
much for all
that you do! We
love our library.
Happy birthday!

Happy 20th birthday MLD
I'd been here for ages since
when I was a toddler
Grace Ringering

It means almost everything
to me because I have
loved to read since I was
2, and I'm happy the library
is ~~here~~ here! 😊
-Allie Valentine

The LIBRARY is awesome!

-Claudia

WE COME
HERE 2-3x a week!
WE ARE LIBRARY ADDICTS!



Big Teagm,
Big fun! F&J



Great Staff
always helpful
big smiles

I think the MLD
is cool because
it is fun

I LOVE }
this PLACE }
LOVE }
Brooklyn }



~~scribble~~
We love
this library!!
Amy R.

I love this
library! It's a
great place to bring
my toddler!
ZKam

Glad this library
is here.

I love it
nice people



We love our library. Thanks to all of the amazing people who work to make it so wonderful!!
I thank you!!
from the Baker's



Love you
for your
kindness &
great
manners
A.U.S.

The MLD has
always been a
fantastic
Resource for
me. Thank
you!
- Cassie

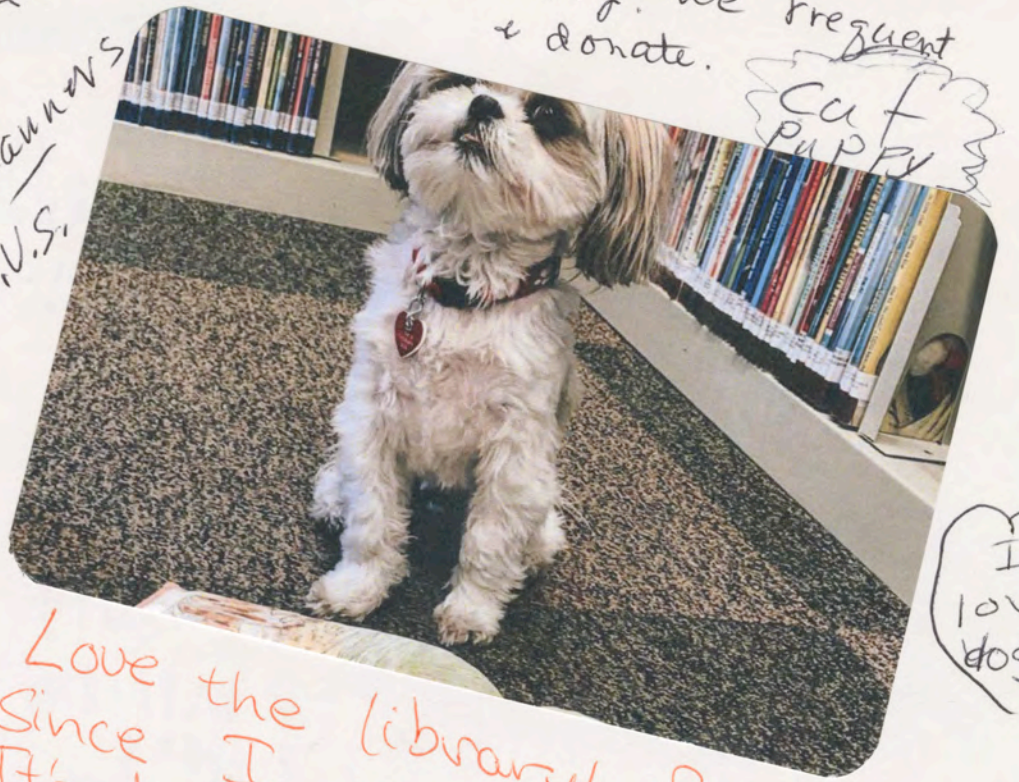
you all fill my
life with the words
thanks
Jayce

you give such
wonderful help +
always are pleasant.
Thank you +
happy birthday!
Wicki



Cute dog! We frequent
& donate.

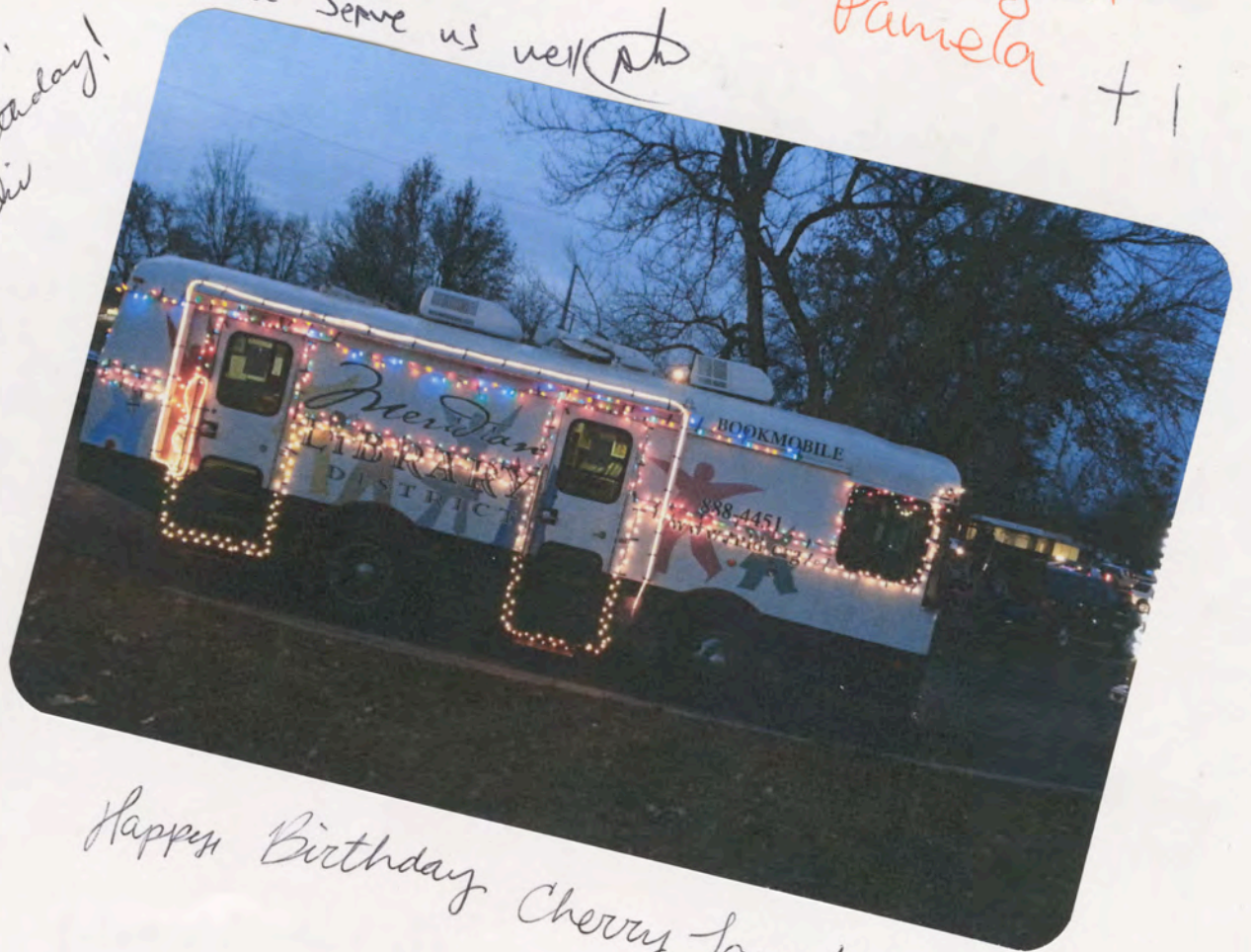
Cat
PUPPY



I
love
dogs!

Love the library!
Since I was a kid!
It's been awesome
growing and thriving!
Been going
seeing it
Pamela + I

you serve us well



Happy Birthday Cherry Lane!

Happy Birthday
Kathy Cherry Lane
Ash



The Best customer service! Happy B-day we hope you // have a really good B-day -- Mackenzie Marie

This place is cool

HAPPY 20th Anniversary to Meridian Library Yay!!! - Cody Vogt

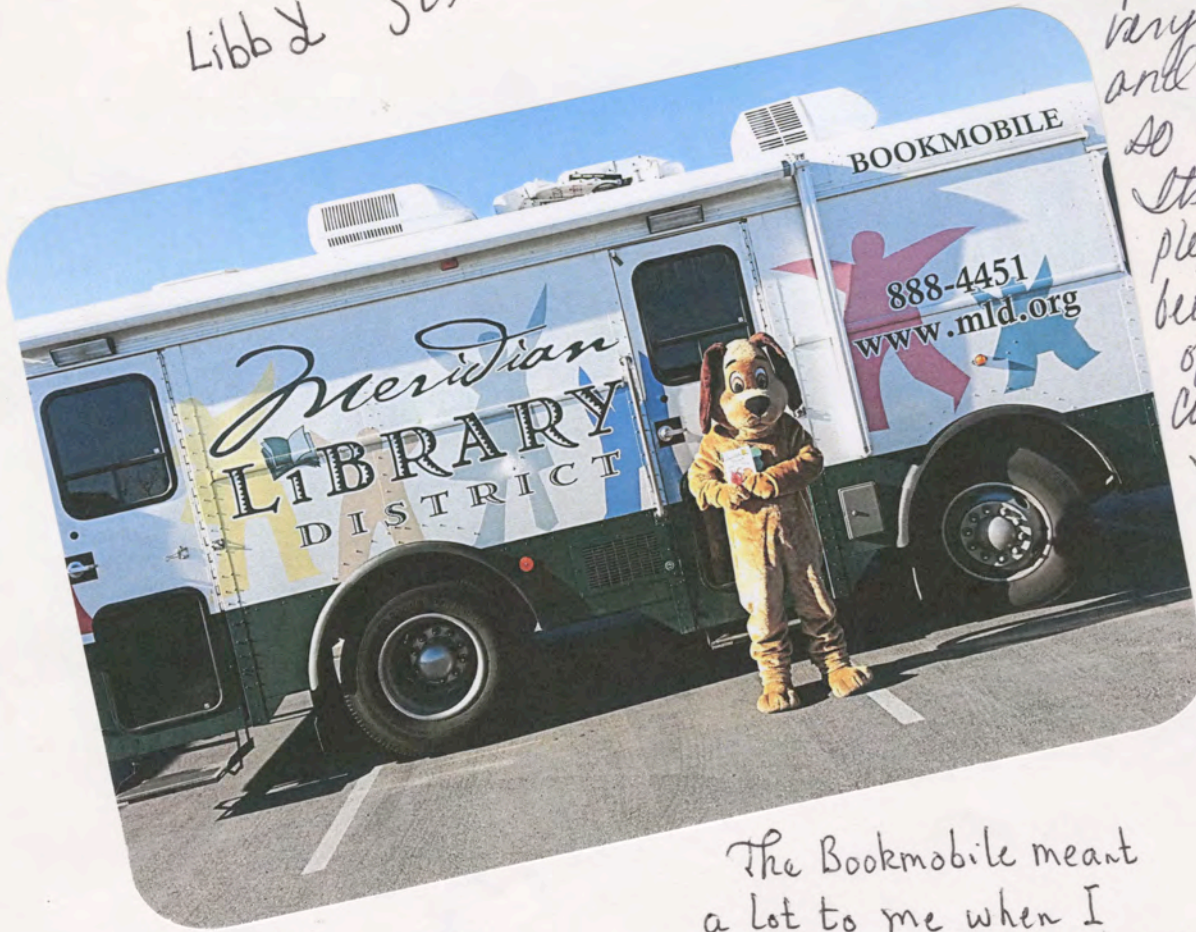
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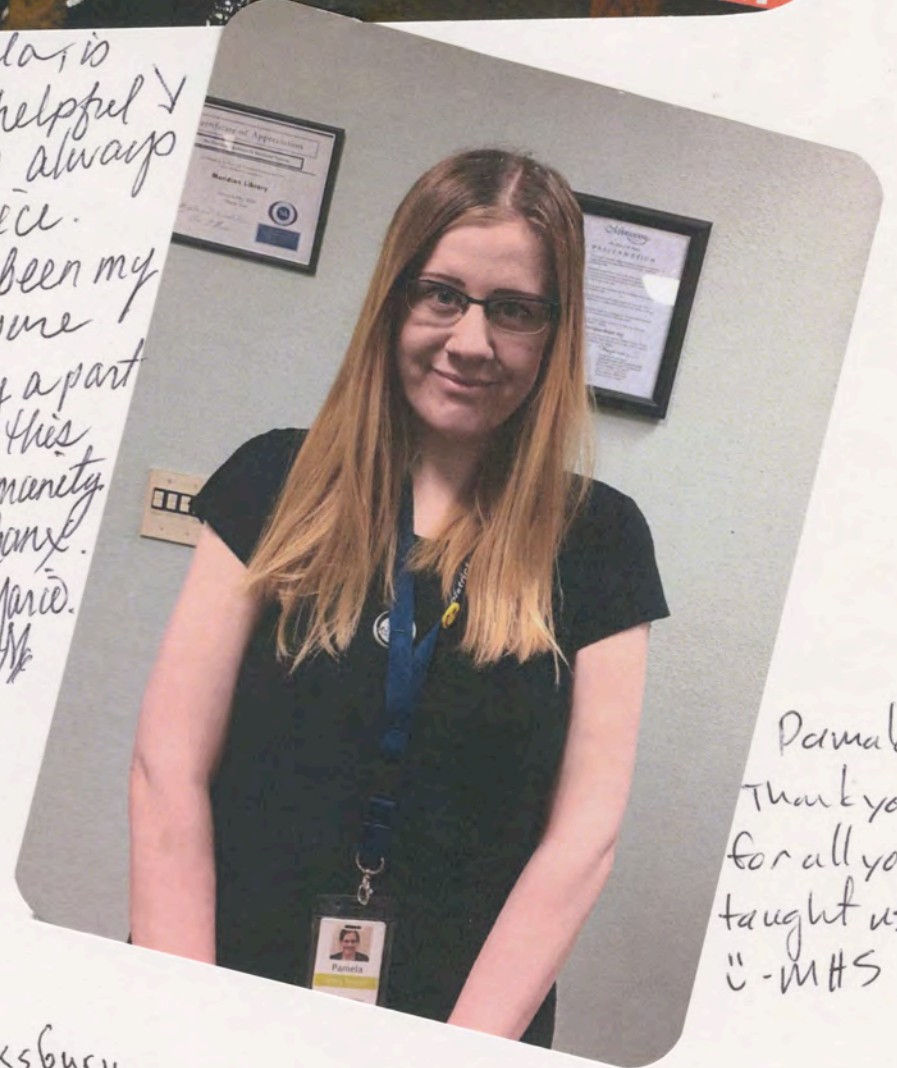
Happy 20th Anniversary to Meridian Library
Librarian Scott Ann DJ Rev Stefani

I never thought I'd find a library as good as the one I grew up in. I love this library just as much! -Chris Grago-

Libb & Scott



pamela is very helpful & and is always so nice. Its been my pleasure being a part of this community. Thank you Marie.



Pamela, Thank you for all you taught us. -MHS

The Bookmobile meant a lot to me when I couldn't drive. Linda Tewksbury

Happy Birthday -Savage



We've been here for 11 years, and MLD and its staff have been a wonderful part of our life in Meridian.
 Love this library!
 Thank you so much!
 The Bell Family

Thank you for making me feel like a member & MLD member 3 months!
 Welcome staff for money
 Family
 After only
 Can't wait
 here!
 -Emily Brock



Thank you this library is amazing



Happy Birthday Meridian Library!
 The Parker family!

Always so cheerfully helpful
 Thanks!

Thank you

My daughter & I have been coming since the day it opened! We love it here!



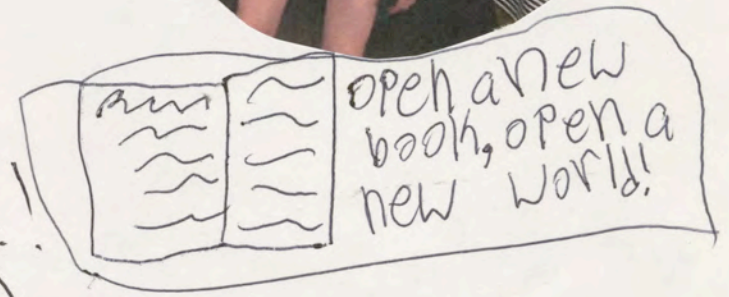
LA PIRE



We love the library and all you guys offer, especially story time! Thank you!



this place rocks, I love how you have books, and computers.



You are all treasures. What would we do without you? Can't even imagine. Joyce

I Love. You! Here's to another Happy Birthday!!
 Cumiee
 Hampton
 ATSA

I Love this library and ms Barbara story time
 B R I O



We are new to the area and walking into this library feel like coming home! A beautiful facility and wonderful employees!

Jon Christensen
 Stuart




You guys have always been there for us. Thank you so much for so much support. & Miller's

I don't know her name but she has helped me on more than 1 occasion and is a very nice person. Thank you and Happy Birthday Meridian Library!!



Thanks for all the fun/educational activities you put on for our kiddos! Happy 20th! -Becky K. (HZ)

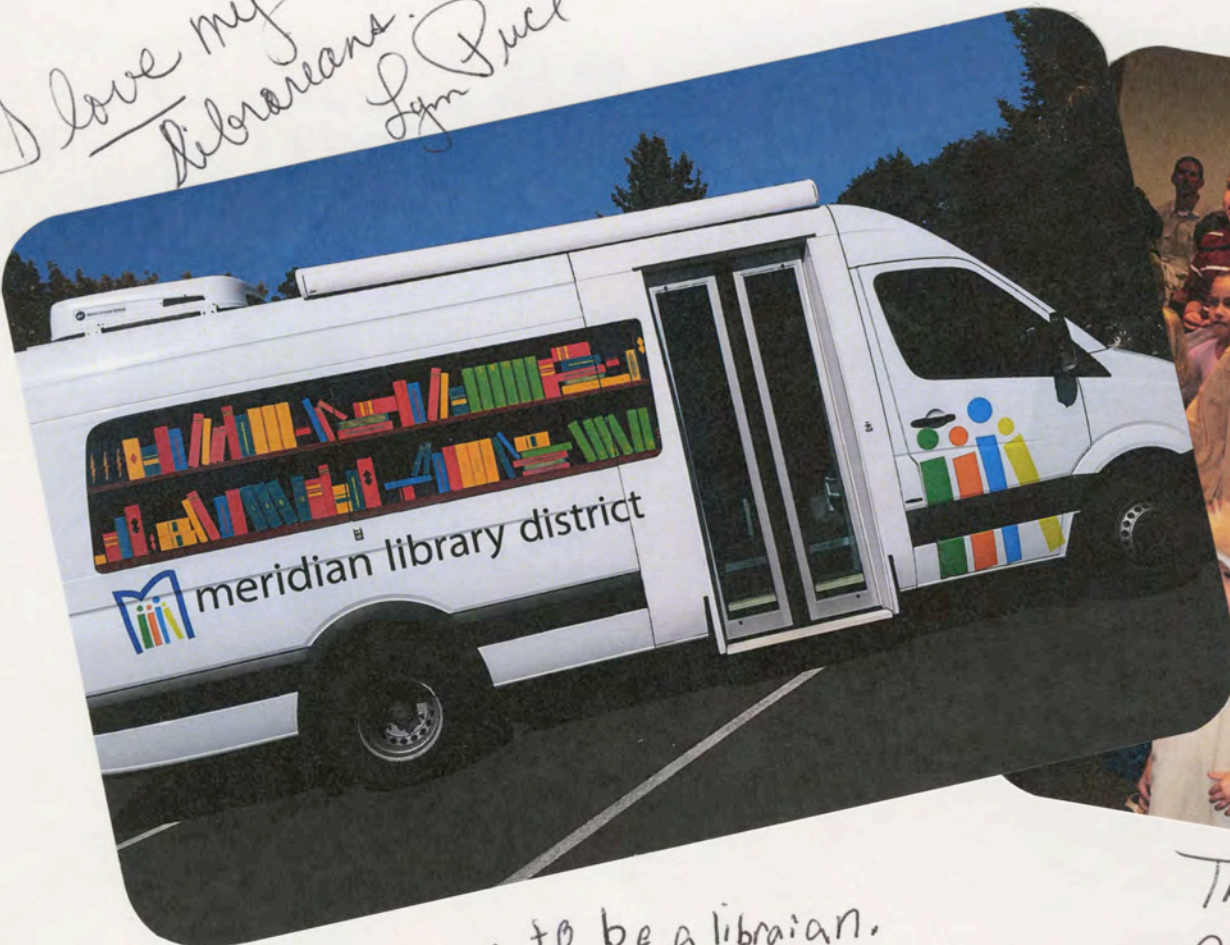
Thank you! 



Thank you!!

You! Michelle Swanson

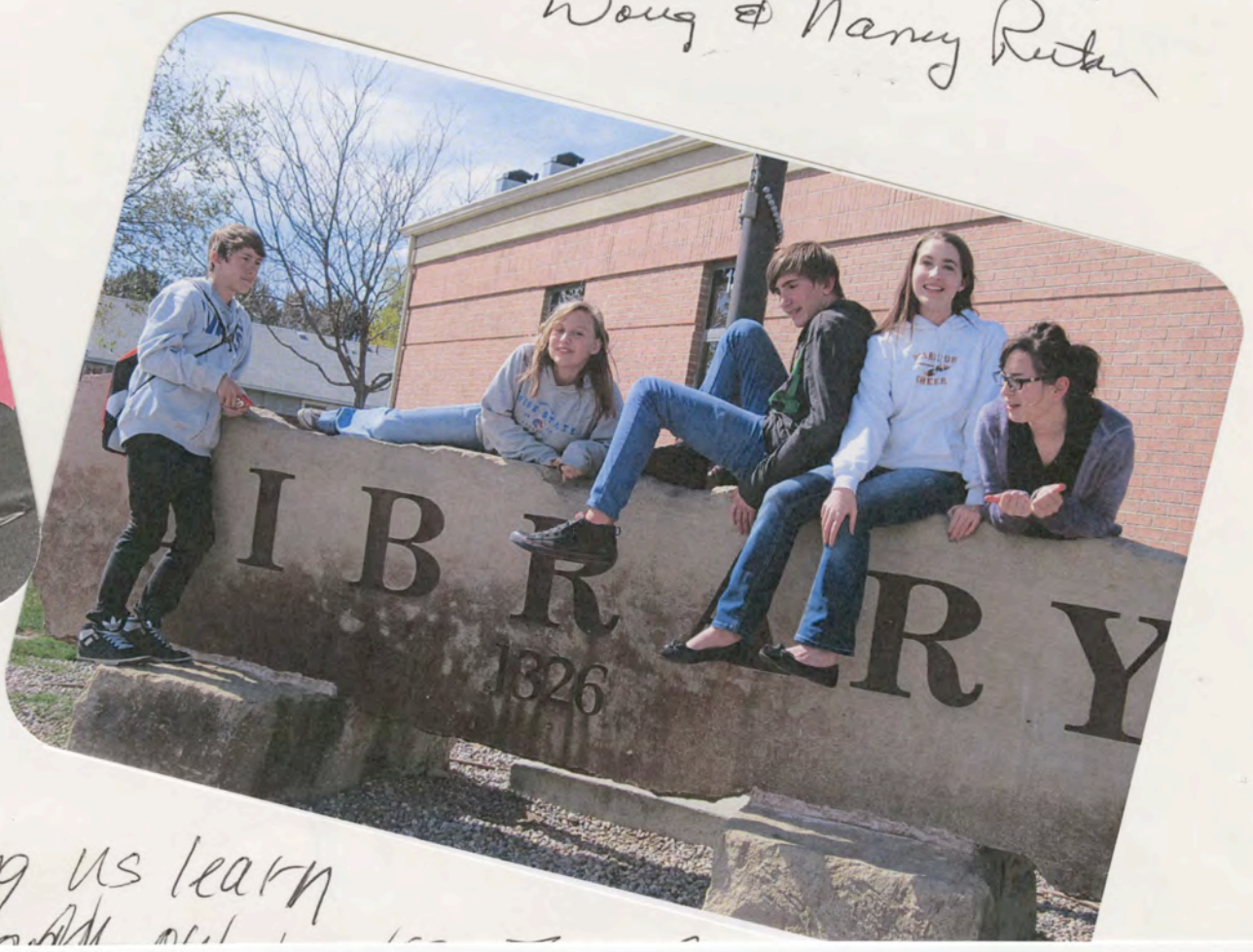
I love my Librarians! Lynn Price



You inspired me to be a librarian.
- Hannah Grago -

Happy Birthday!
I love seeing the parking lot full of cars and in the library full of young folks! Great job! Thank you!
-Danyelle-

The Meridian Library has been such an important part of our community - Here's to another 20 years.
Doug & Nancy Ruten



Thank you for ~~all~~ helping us learn by letting us check out...



Best place ever!
and MLD is the PPS!

Happy 20th!
you all have all been wonderful & so helpful. Love the smiling faces & warm welcomes. Thank you for all you do.

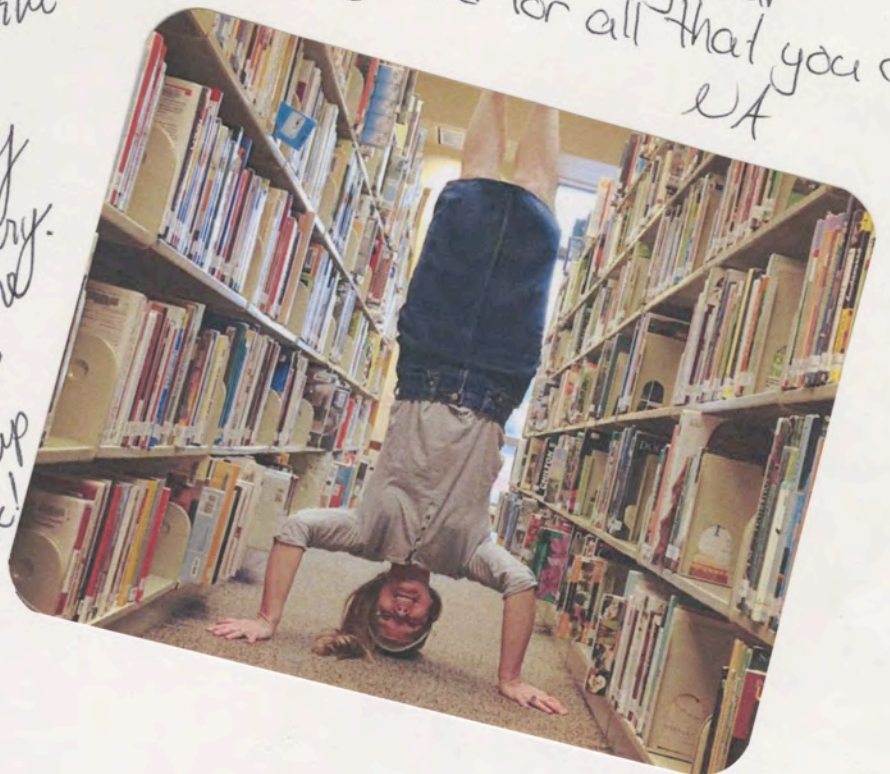


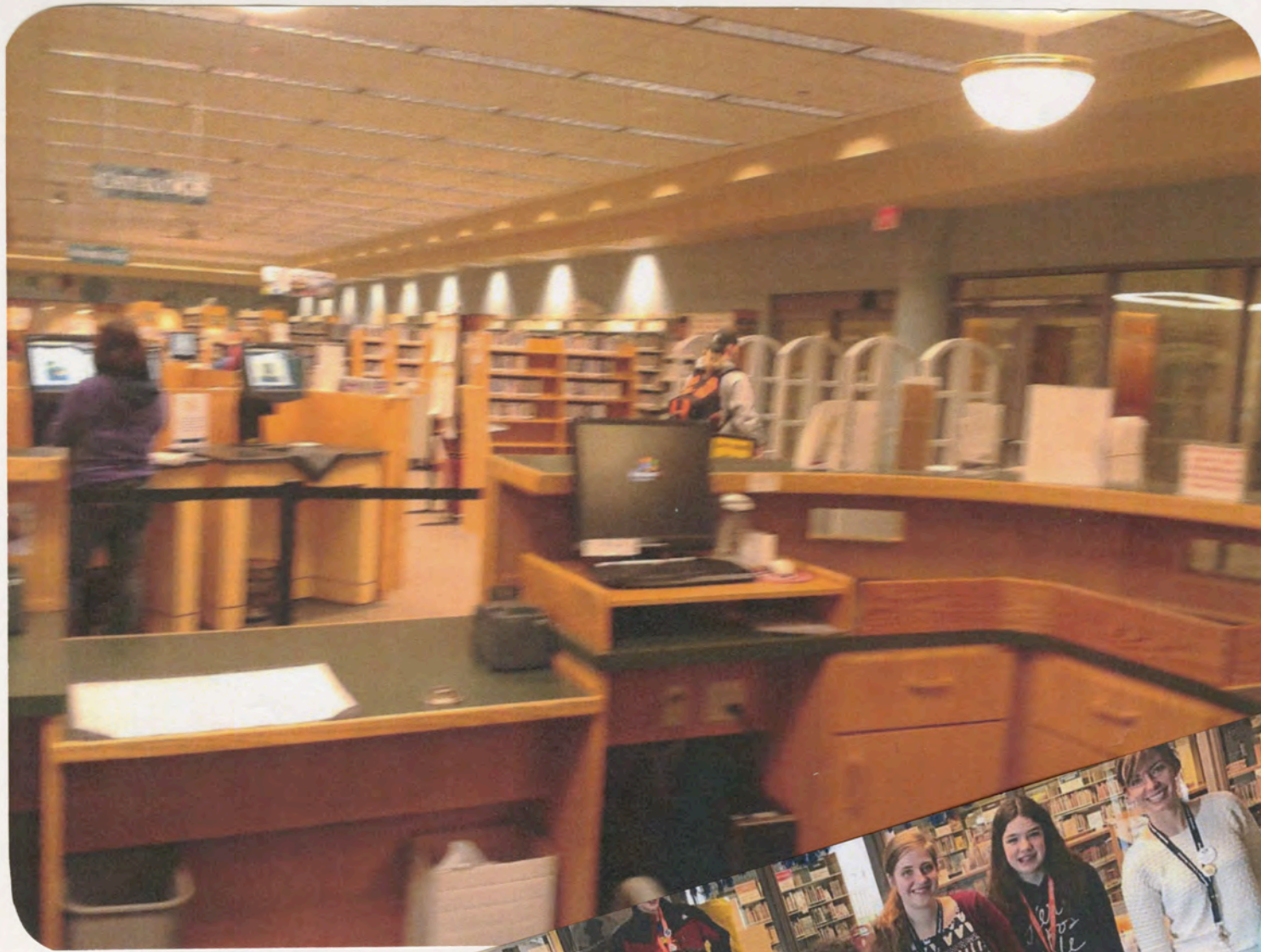
Happy 20th Birthday!
Thank you for serving our community and for all that you do!
LA

Thank you for all the work you do!
I have been able to learn so many skills through reading books. That is a priceless gift!
— Elizabeth J.



← Kelly, is so nice and has always gone out of her way to be very informative and helpful.
Happy Birthday Meridian library. All the staff here are so nice & helpful. Keep up the great work!
(!!)





Happy Birthday!
 We have followed you since the start and we would be lost without you and your awesome staff of people!

Love, the Quarnstroms
 Love the library and staff!
 When I moved here 10 years ago it was one of the 8:15 programs I liked! Love programs offered and help w/ friends and help w/ book sales.
 The Tray Family

Happy 20th!!

Amazing staff
 Amazing place

This place
 is lit!

SO GRATEFUL
 YOU ARE
 HERE! THANKS
 FOR ALL THE
 HELP YOU
 PROVIDE!



We love the library! Thank you for all you do. 😊

♥ The Lucases

KEEP IT UP
 [Signature]

