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Greetings to all patrons and friends of the Craig County Public Library!

As 2020 draws to a close, it feels appropriate to reflect on this year that has been unlike any in memory. In spite of a global pandemic, our little library has persevered and continued to serve our community with technology, information, education, and connection. These resources have become even more critical and even essential for many patrons, as our county's students learn to navigate remote schooling, and the rest of us find ourselves spending more time at home, with reduced access to culture and social interaction that we may have once taken for granted. Like so many others, we've been forced to pivot and adapt, and we're proud that we've been able to continue to offer and even expand our services, when so many other libraries have been forced to shutter.

This year, we grappled with the difficult decision not to continue to pursue an expanded Resource Center. While community support for many aspects of the project was strong, some residents and local leaders justifiably questioned the project's expansive scope, vision, and sustainability. While space limitations are still a major constraint on our ability to serve our mission, we've always been committed to listening and responding to the community above all else. We view this not as a setback, but as an opportunity to better ensure our Library aligns with Craig County's wants, needs, and capacity.

As our future plans continue to shift to best reflect the community's shared vision, we need your voice to be included in this important conversation, as we collectively determine the best course forward for our community's library. Reach out to us and let us know your wishes and dreams for a library that effectively serves our County. Consider joining one of our committees, or volunteering behind the desk, or helping to put on a program or educational event.

Of course, we know your time is precious. Support can take many forms. Your continued patronage itself shows that you value the resources we work to provide, and that support is invaluable to us. You can also sign up for Kroger Community Rewards, which costs you nothing, but we receive a small donation every time you buy groceries. Similarly, Amazon Smile donates a small percent of every purchase you make to our library. Of course, as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all monetary donations are tax-deductible. As our mission states, we're committed to empowering individuals and building our community by bringing people, information, and resources together. We aim to provide the essential tools for building the community's prosperity through education, information, and social interaction. We can't do it without you. Thank you for your continued support and patronage, and your dedication to helping us build a stronger library and community in 2021 and beyond.

With gratitude,  
Ned Savage, President  
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