

Thank you for
letting us borrow
books and study here.
We are really greatful.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday

PPD4 Birthday

When The
Nerds Renew it (Cosplay)
got Canceled
Because of
a Big
poop

Coming to the library
is a fun and quiet
place to be than ~~the~~.

Emma and
I played polly town
on the computer
for 2 hours!

Thank ~~you~~ you

for letting me
check out books.

An

—A. J. in 0

age 3 Smith



Our children have
loved story time and
the youth section, and
I have loved borrowing
hundreds of books (and
ebooks)

Thanks so
much!
You are a huge part
of Meridian.
Vanessa Bell

I like the

biscuits in

the kids
room. Lucy

> Happy
Birthday

I loved hanging
out in the teen
room, with my
friends. It's always
fun.
-Tawny 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 ~~an~~ 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 walked 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 JOKE  
I LIKE BOOKS



HAPPY  
B-day  
Cherry Lane  
I librari  
LOVE READING  
BOOKS !  
- E M Pile  
age 8

checking out  
all the  
amazing books  
here!!

-Alice Valentine

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

-Casandra Nielsen  
& family.

The  
first time I  
checked out  
children's  
books  
George

Happy  
birthday  
Cherry Lane  
Library



From  
Janice

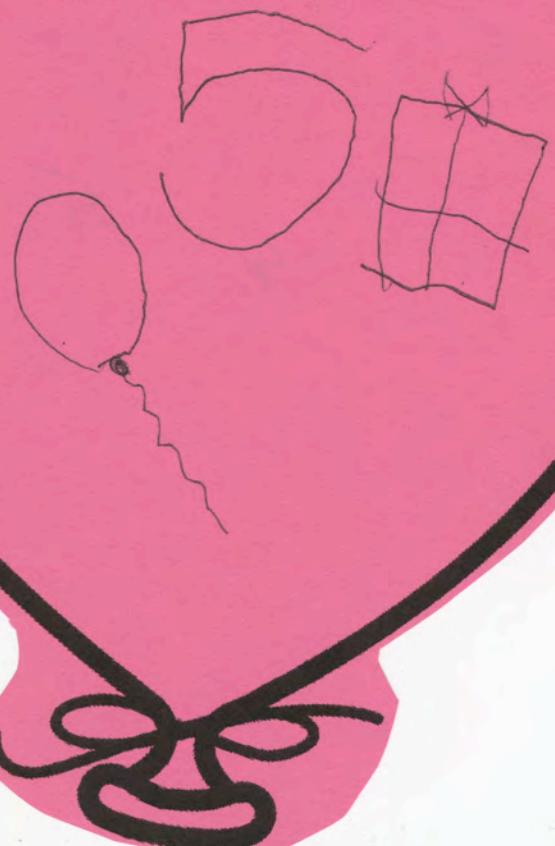
COMING  
+ TO  
MY  
MOMS  
OFFICE

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

I went to  
the event Pokemon  
library at the  
Pokemon and I played  
of the staff one  
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

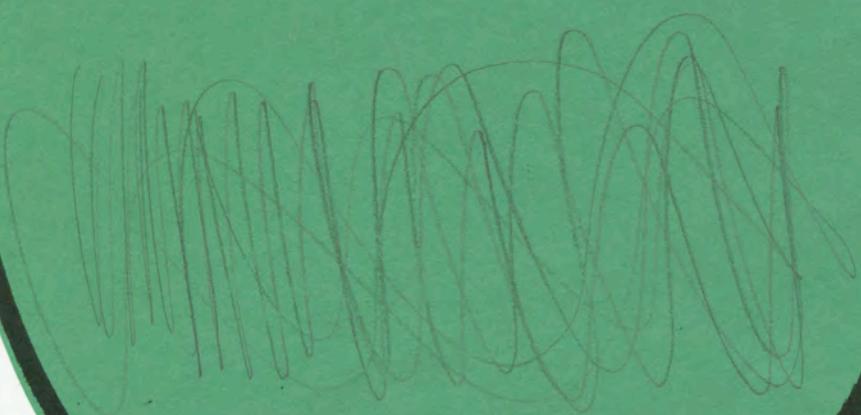
Hi- It is BRI  
Happy Birthsay.  
I am



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

Love  
Kathy Lorkum

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 love  
~~#~~ reading!

-Tanner Smith  
age 6

Happy  
Birthday  
Love  
Notah

I LOVE  
TO VISIT  
THE LIBRARY

C.A.D.C.

Carmen  
Reading  
with my  
mom and  
dad

I remember the  
first time we took  
our grand kids to  
Storytime. 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  
Congrats to you  
2013  
I have a  
big love for  
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

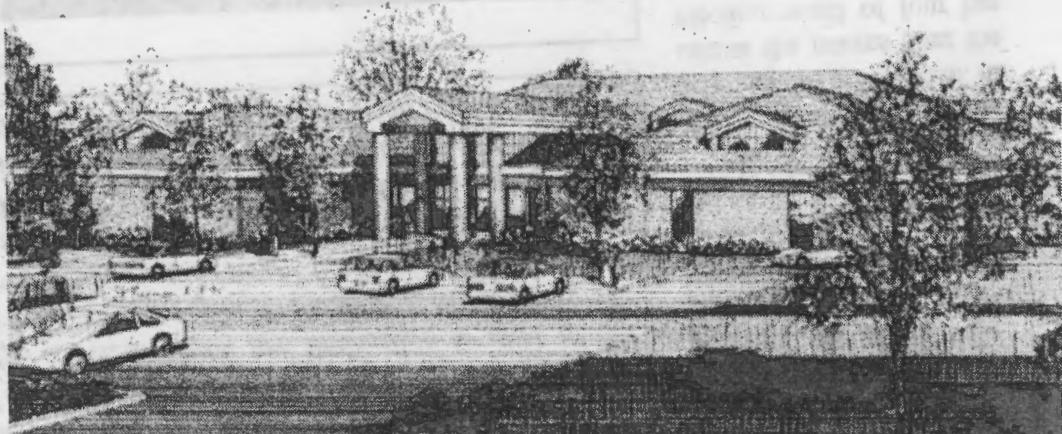


Photo courtesy of the Meridian Library

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

## 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.

On September 12, 1924, the first traveling

library was opened at Songer Pharmacy.

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

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

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.

In 1995, Betsy Buckley and Pam Wood

The Meridian Library's location was chosen in 1995

founded the Friends of the Library group.

because it was the exact center of the city.

The tree standing by the antique plow to the

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

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 Meridian Library opened

on May 16, 1997.

The Silverstone Branch was opened

on March 30, 2009.

The Silverstone Branch owns a pet bearded

dragon named Edgar Dragon Poe.

The Bookmobile was bought in 2004.

Its first outing was the Annual Christmas Parade.

The Sprinter was bought in 2014.

Its collection can go inside of houses!

The Bookmobile and Sprinter average over 121

stops and visits per month. Not counting events!

UnBound was opened October 15, 2015.

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



The effort

into

our love you put

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

community is  
invaluable. My whole

family appreciates  
and every one of your  
loving commitment.  
Erica Dan



"Oldies  
but goodies!  
Love y'all!  
Barb"

I have read since I was a  
a Little girl.

& worked here for 35 yrs  
Books were my life as I  
grew up.

Pet Rabell

This  
place is  
awesome  
Gretta



THE LIBRARY...  
MY SECOND HOME!  
GERALDINE STOFFERS

Thanks for your great  
Teen Center. You guys rock!  
-Rachel  
TEAM POS.  
ROC, Tasia



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY B-crew



HAPPY Birthday  
B-crew  
- Brianna Henziker

It is fun!  
We'd Miss Skye!

JENNIFER

Suey

MILLIE  
MILLIE



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

This place  
has so many  
good books

I you  
Meridian  
Library

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

love how  
helpful, convenient  
& fun this library  
is on Chen Lane,  
Reading.

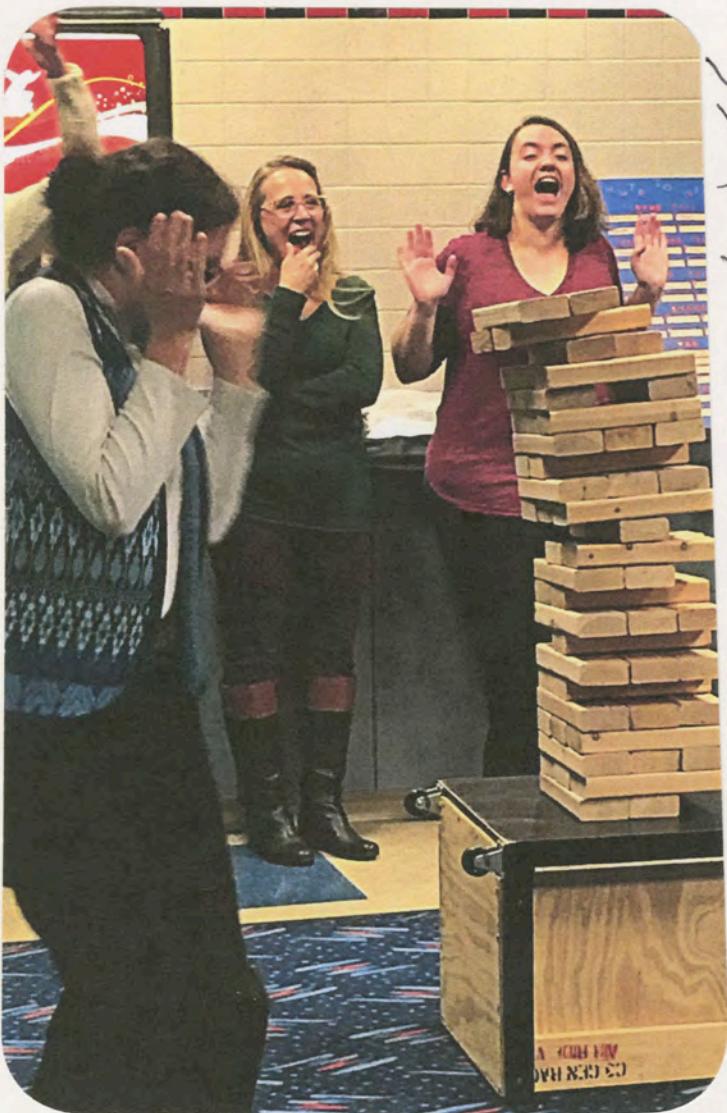
so good to  
see friendly  
faces!  
Lacy



Great!

Love this library!

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



Thank you!

I love  
this Library

Jessica H.  
Mission

Thanks so much for  
the books!  
being here!



MY FAVORITE

MY SUPERPOWER IS  
Getting LOST in a GOOD  
Book. ~  
IS THE PLAX KITCHEN

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

thank  
you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

love this branch  
The folks here are  
very helpful.  
Read! ☺  
Janet Maxwell



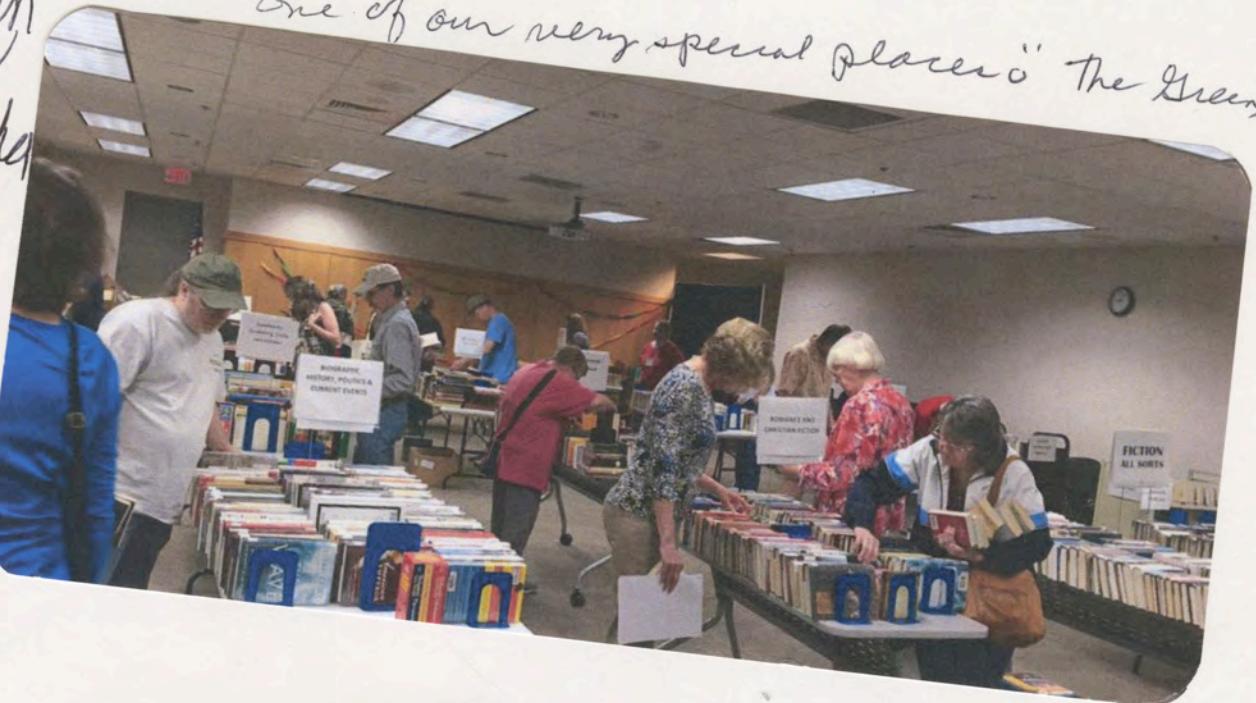
WE LOVE pajama storytime &  
and preschool storytime!  
LOVE the teachers,  
especially Miss Sky!

TANIA  
VII

I have been here 8 years + seen  
the wonderful ~~times~~ every few  
months. Happy Birthday ~~Sab~~  
THIS IS A GREAT  
LIBRARY

Bethany

happy  
B-dgry!



Happy birthday we love

the library

You all are the most amazing library  
staff in the Valley! We  
are so lucky to have you  
and keep up the FANTASTIC  
job! Happy Birthday & thank you!  
- Welch

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Happy  
Birthday  
We love  
the library!  
Ryan A 10

MY grandma  
LOVES  
this place

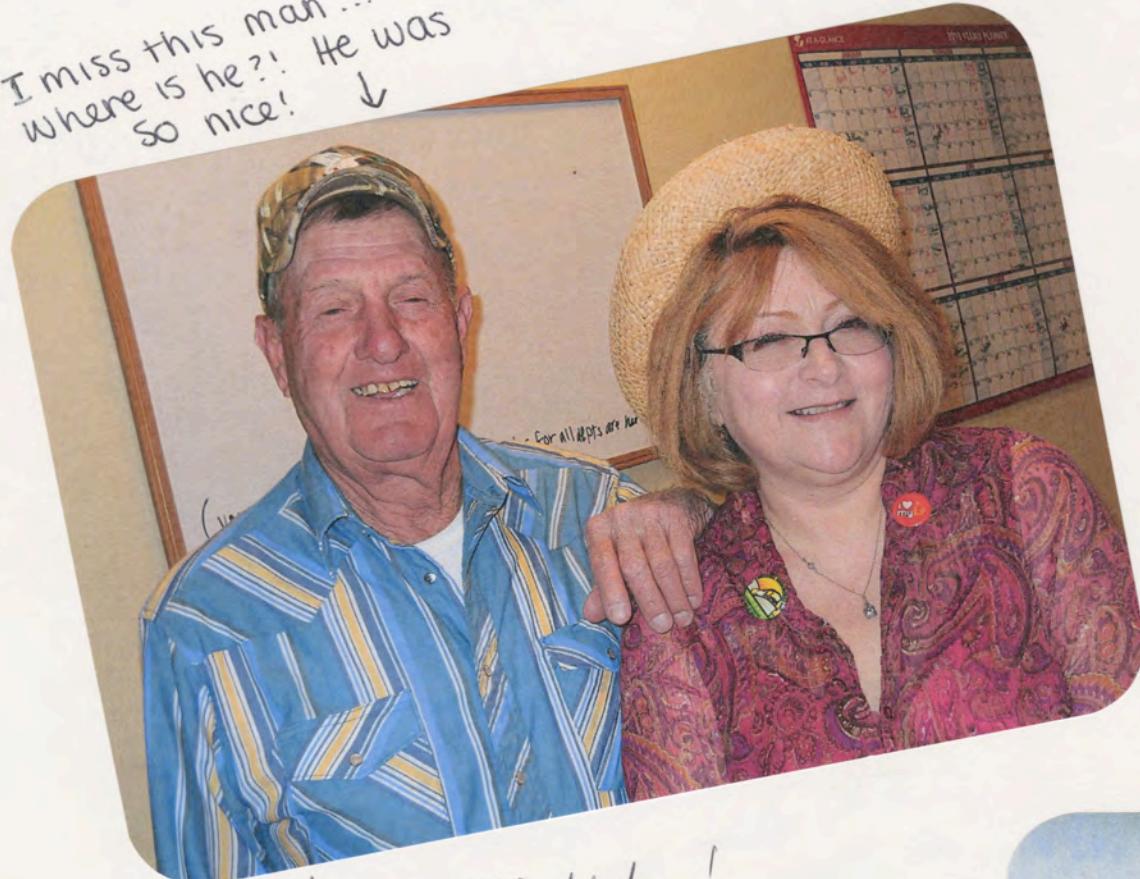
One of our very special places! The Greens  
have LOVED having you  
in our community!

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



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



Happy Birthday!



Happy birth day!

Very much enjoying  
my first gear here

MR :)

We love this  
library!  
Happy Birthday  
The Nielson  
family

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



We Love  
the Library } happy birthday



We love this  
library.

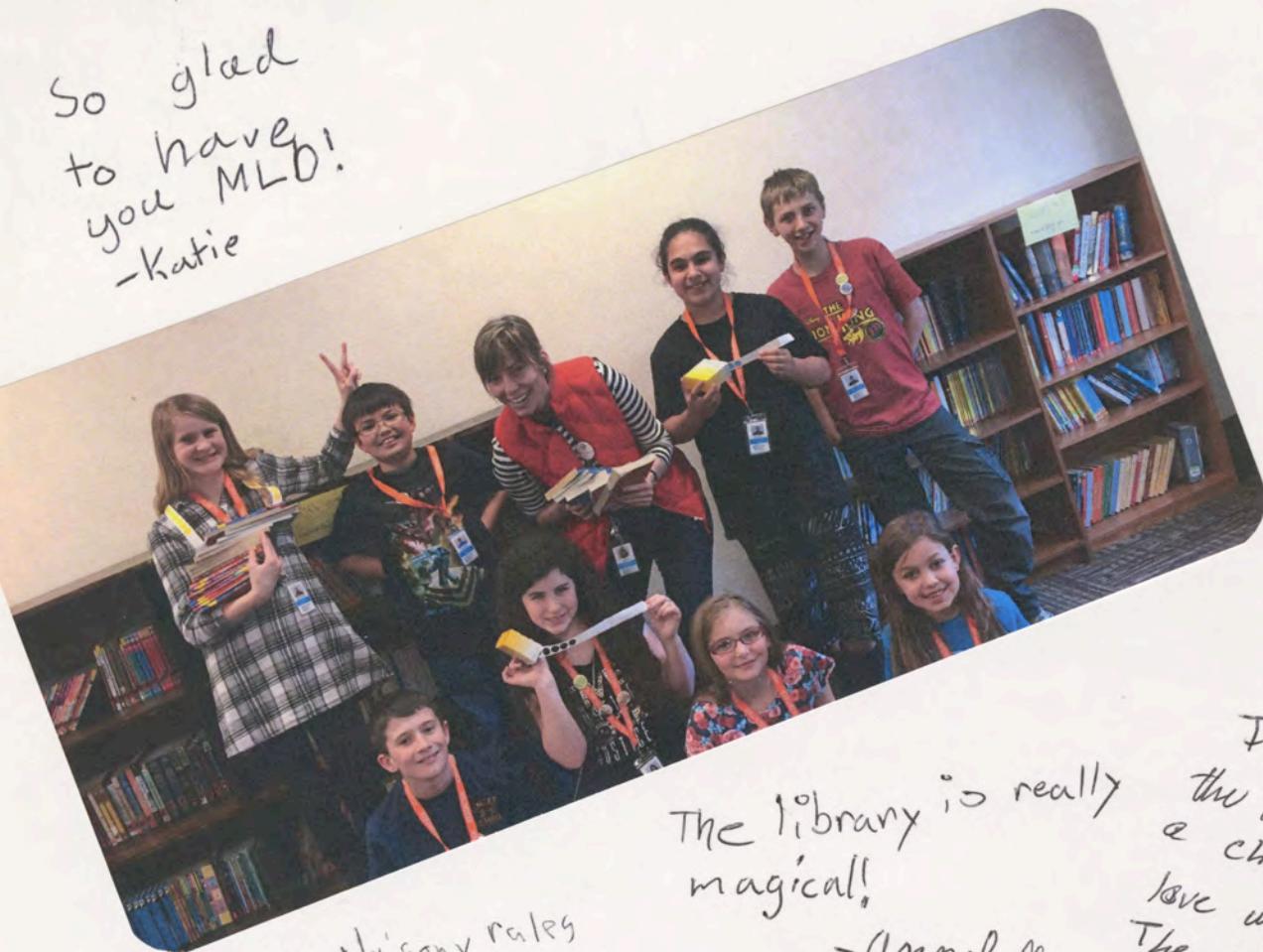
We love this  
library.

JDR Steenblik

When people  
ask me what my  
favorite place  
is, I say this  
library. Thanks

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

So glad  
to have  
you MLD!  
-Katie



Teen advisory roles

Been round so long! Glad you  
here Meridian Mainz  
-Erin



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

The library is really  
magical!

-Annabelle

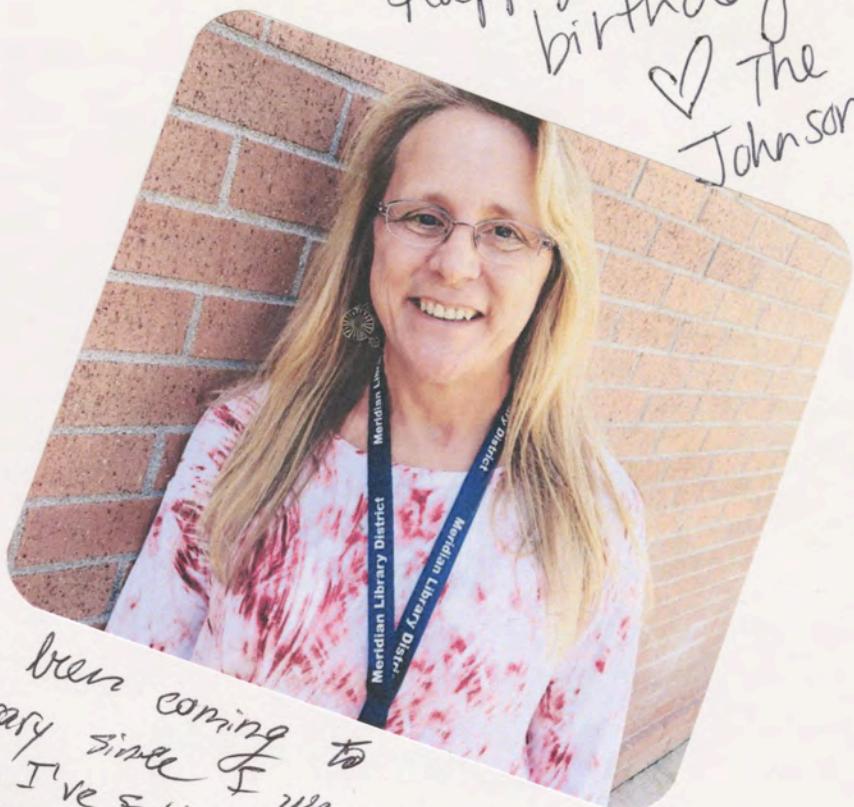
We all love this  
Library, I'm  
glad to have it.  
Reagan

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.

I'm  
honoured  
& proud to  
have  
volunteered  
& work  
here.

Bri  
D.

Happy birthday!  
The  
Johnsons



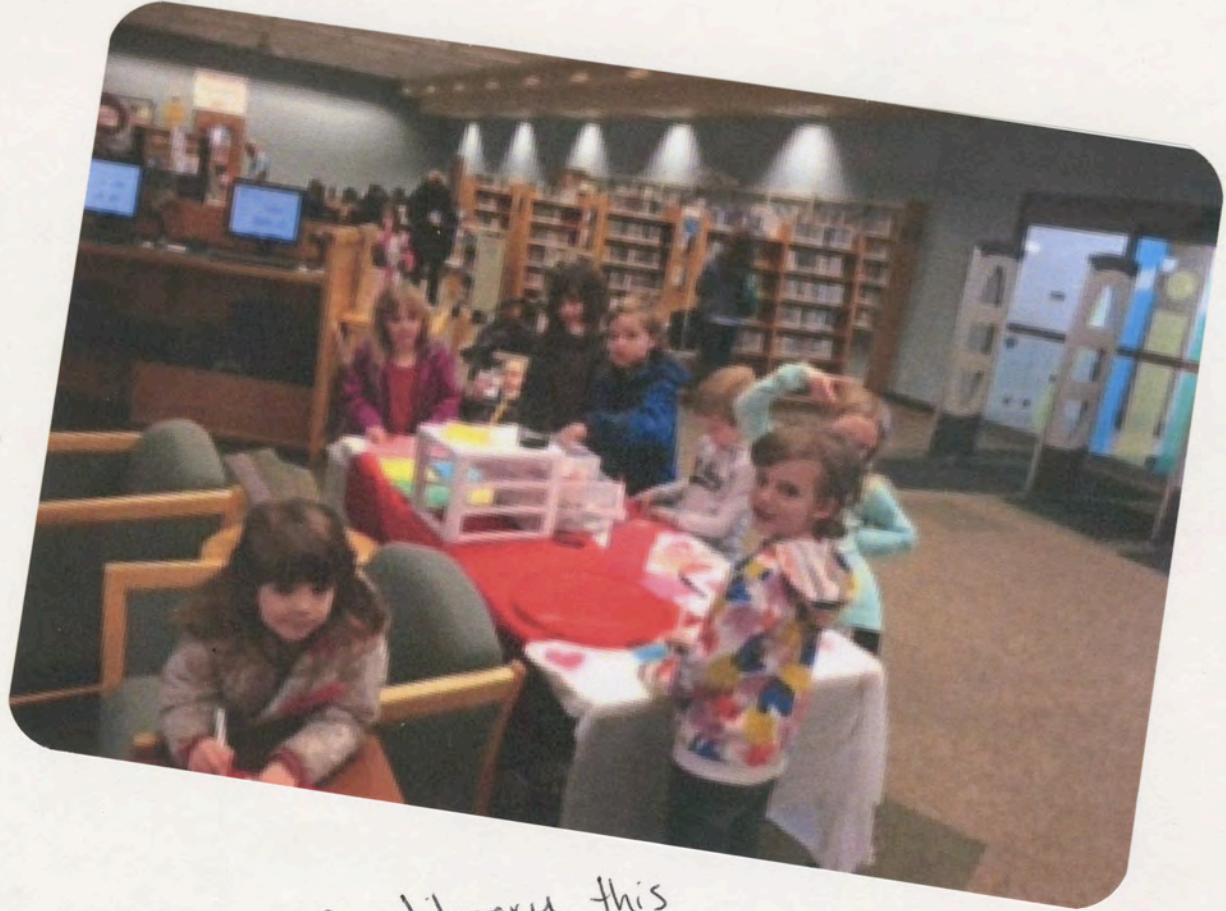
Greatest library in  
the world -  
You guys  
really care a lot

Lloyd  
Burke



Thank you so much  
for providing a  
great place to come  
for readers! Kami

cu!



I ❤️ this library this  
place warms my heart.  
Thank-you Meridian Cherry Lane  
library. I love books, crafts and  
people using technology! -Marlene



love 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! B



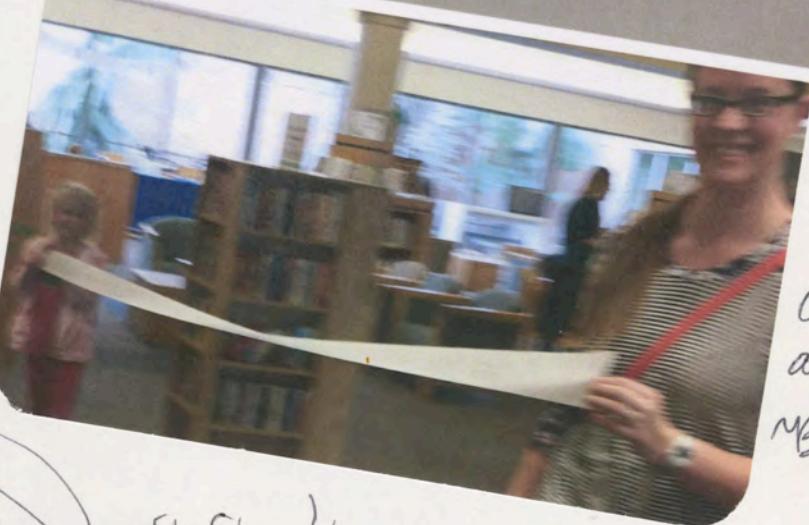
Happy 20<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday!

I love this place



I love this place  
mg

You just saved \$1,587.25 by  
using your library. You have  
saved \$3,838.78 this past year  
and \$6,774.14 since you began  
using the library!



crazy  
awesome  
Becca

Happy birthday  
zion



This place is  
my second home ~~thanks~~  
to everyone here!  
Gabrielle A.  
McMurry  
Volunteer '14 - Present





For the last  
19 years I've  
always been  
so come  
happy the  
library  
to thank  
Rick Christian

LIBRARIES ARE FUN!  
Terrific library  
and wonderful staff!  
Thanks!

YUM DON



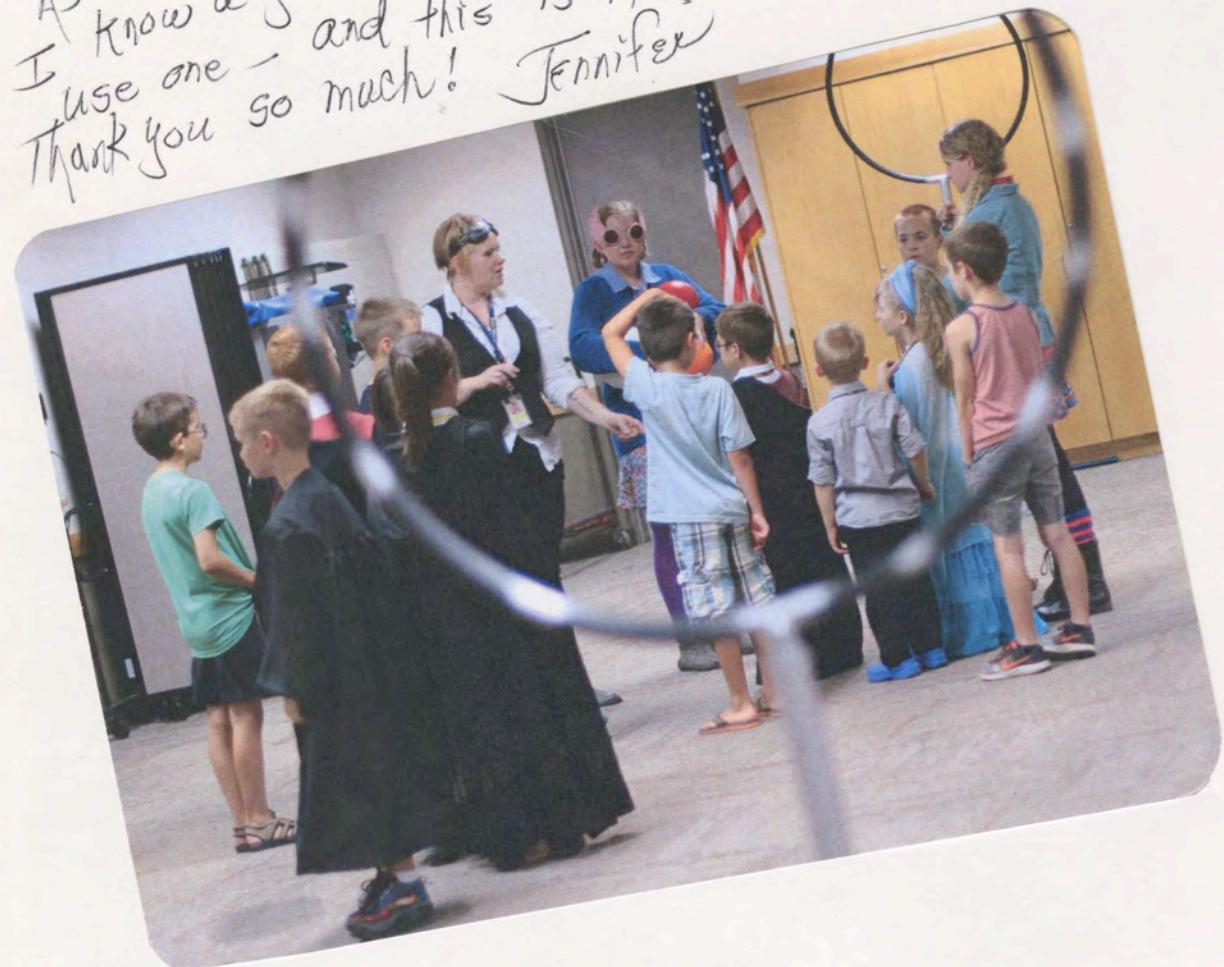
You all do such a nice job, helping all of us feel so welcome! Thank you!!  
The Cartwells



MVS  
appreciates you  
all!

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

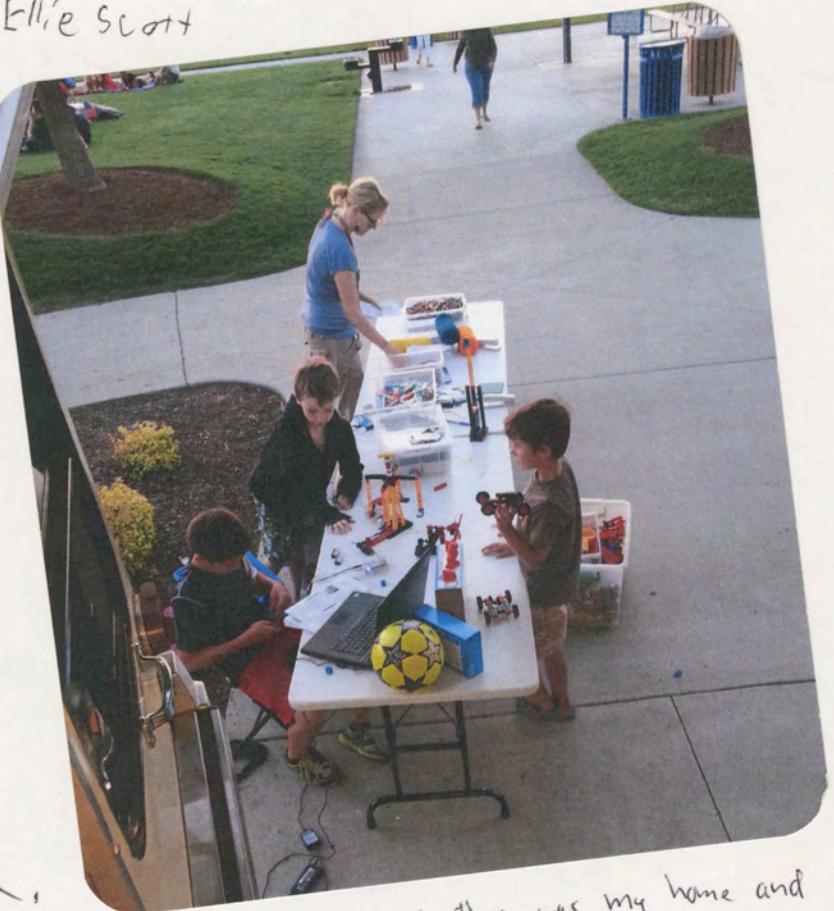
As a former librarian,  
I know a great library when I  
use one - and this is it!!  
Thank you so much! Jennifer



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

I love this library! ☺

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



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

Happy Birthday!  
I love the books!  
-Faith Johnson

The LIBRARY is awesome!  
-Claudia

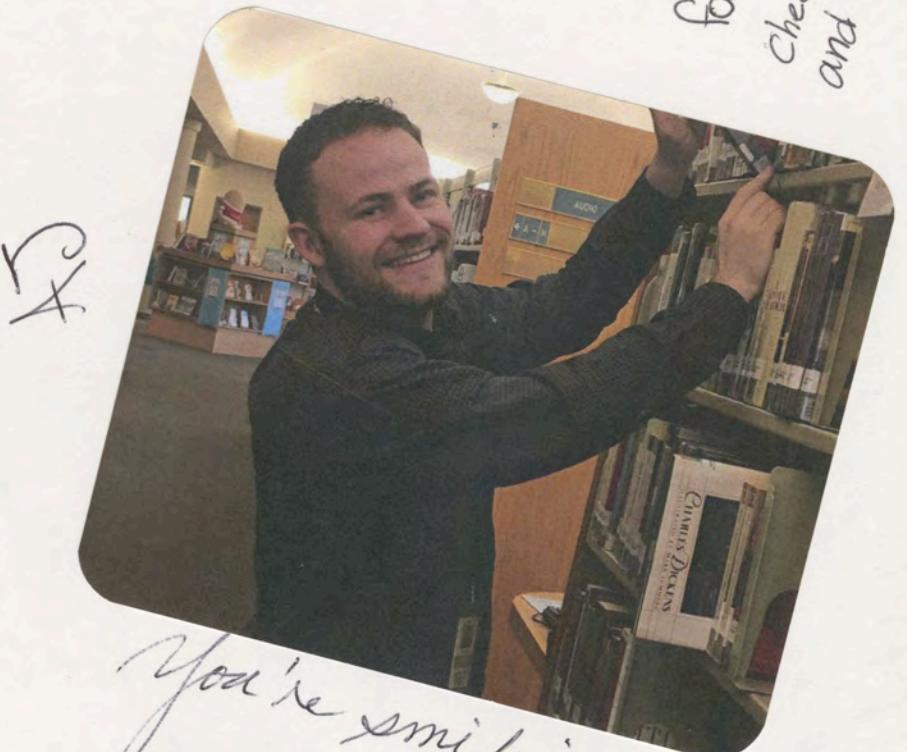
Sind' Ellie Scott

Gracias!  
Danke  
Thank you  
Merci Beaucoup!

HAPPY-Elizabeth  
BIRTHDAY MLD!

thank you  
for letting  
check out Kid S  
and more.  
Book

-Satic Baker



You're smiling!

I love this place,

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

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



Big Team,  
Big fun! F.J.



We love our library! Thanks to all of the amazing people who work to make it so wonderful!! Thank you! From the Baker's



You all fill my life with the words  
Thanks Jayce

You give such wonderful help & always are pleasant.  
Thank you & happy birthday!  
Natalie



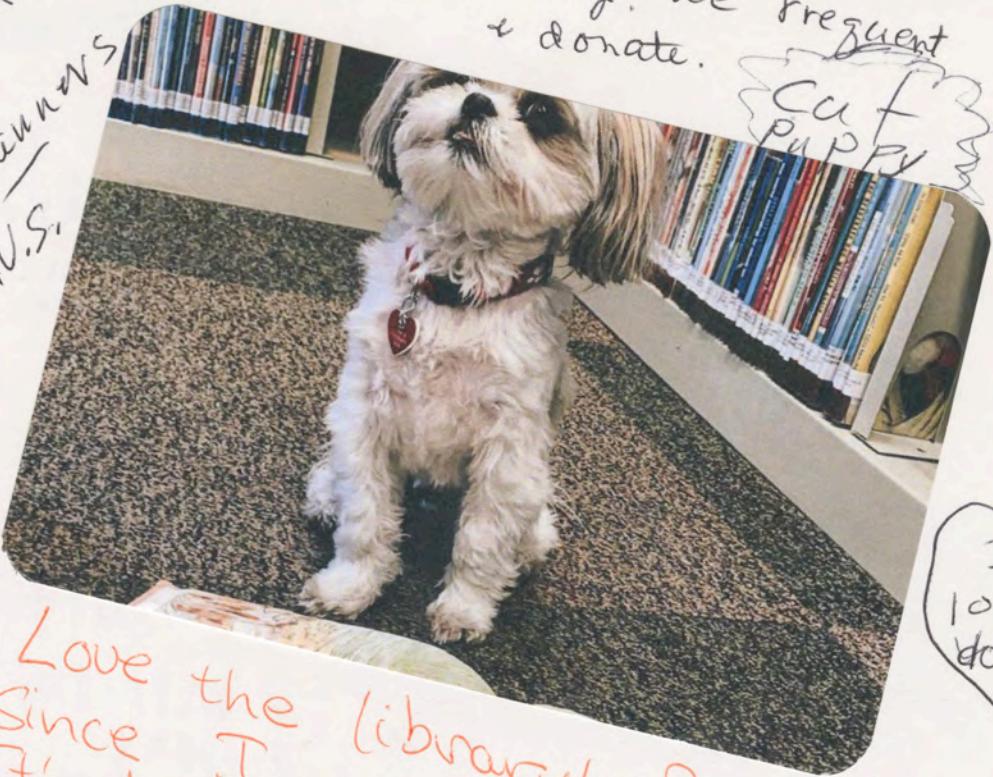
Love you  
for your  
kindness &  
great  
manners

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHERRY LANE!

Happy Birthday Cherry Lane!

Kathy & Bob





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

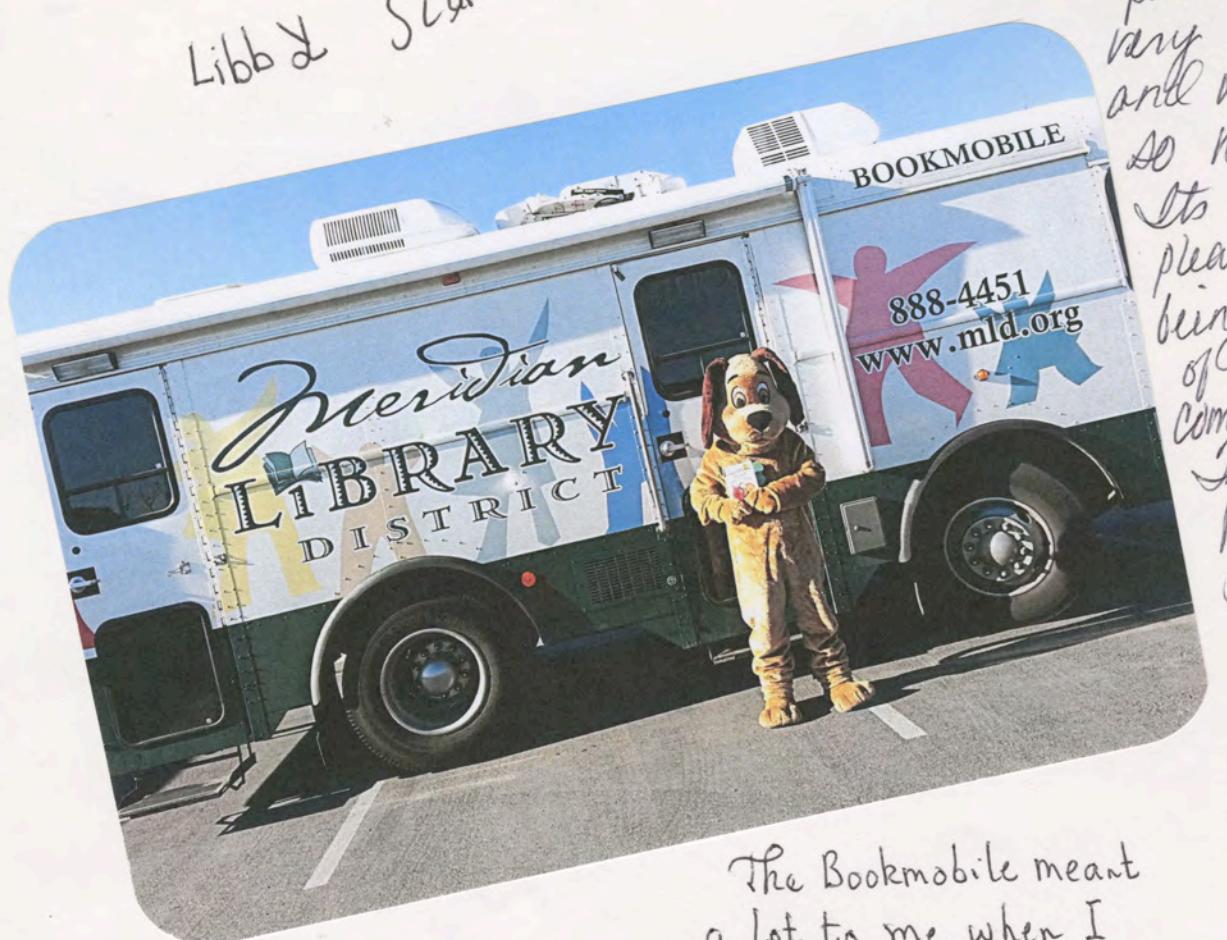
This place is cool

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

Happy B-day!!!

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-

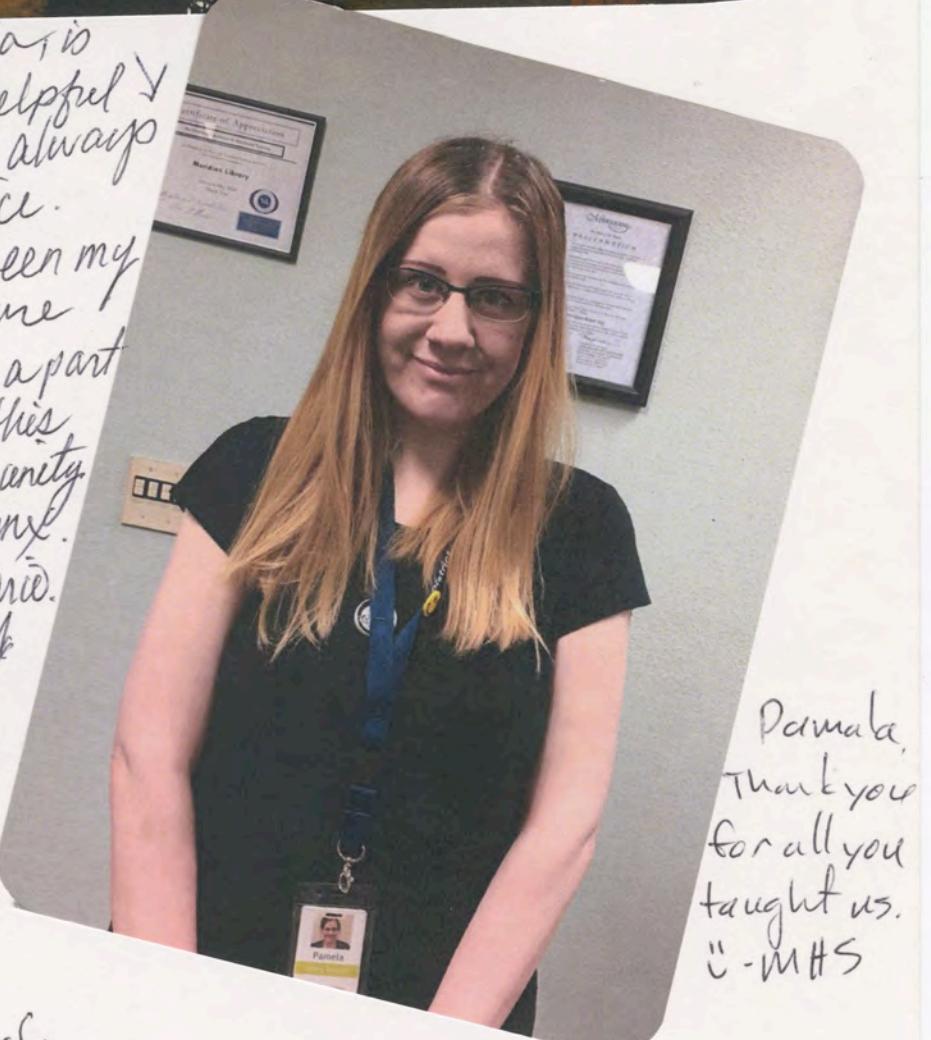
Happy  
20th  
Anniversary  
to meridian  
hi brian  
scott aka  
DJ REV.  
stefani



Happy Birthday  
-Savage

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

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



We've been here for  
11 years, and MLD and its

staff have been a  
wonderful part of our life  
in Meridian.

Thank you so much!  
The Bell Family

love  
this library,  
dark

Thank you for  
making staff we feel like a  
family member & MLD  
only wait  
can't wait!  
After  
months!  
for many  
-Emily Brock



thankyou  
this library is  
amazing

Love You All  
Anne & Me

Always  
cheerfully  
feel good.

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



C  
LA  
PPE

we ❤ the library and all you guys  
offer, especially Storytime! Thank you ☺



Happy  
Birthday  
Meridian  
Library!

The Parker  
family!





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



You are all  
treasures we do it  
best would never can't  
without you! imagine  
even Joyce

I Love You!  
Here's to another  
Happy Birthday!!  
Cumpleaños  
Hampton

I love this  
library and  
ms Barbara story  
time

BRI



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

Jen Christensen  
Smart



You guys have always been there for us. Thank you so much for so much support.

~Meleis

I don't know her name but she has helped me on more than one occasion and is a very nice person.  
Thank you and Happy 20th Birthday Meridian Library!!



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

Thank you!



+ thank you



Monette J  
Sullivan

I love my  
Meridian's Quil



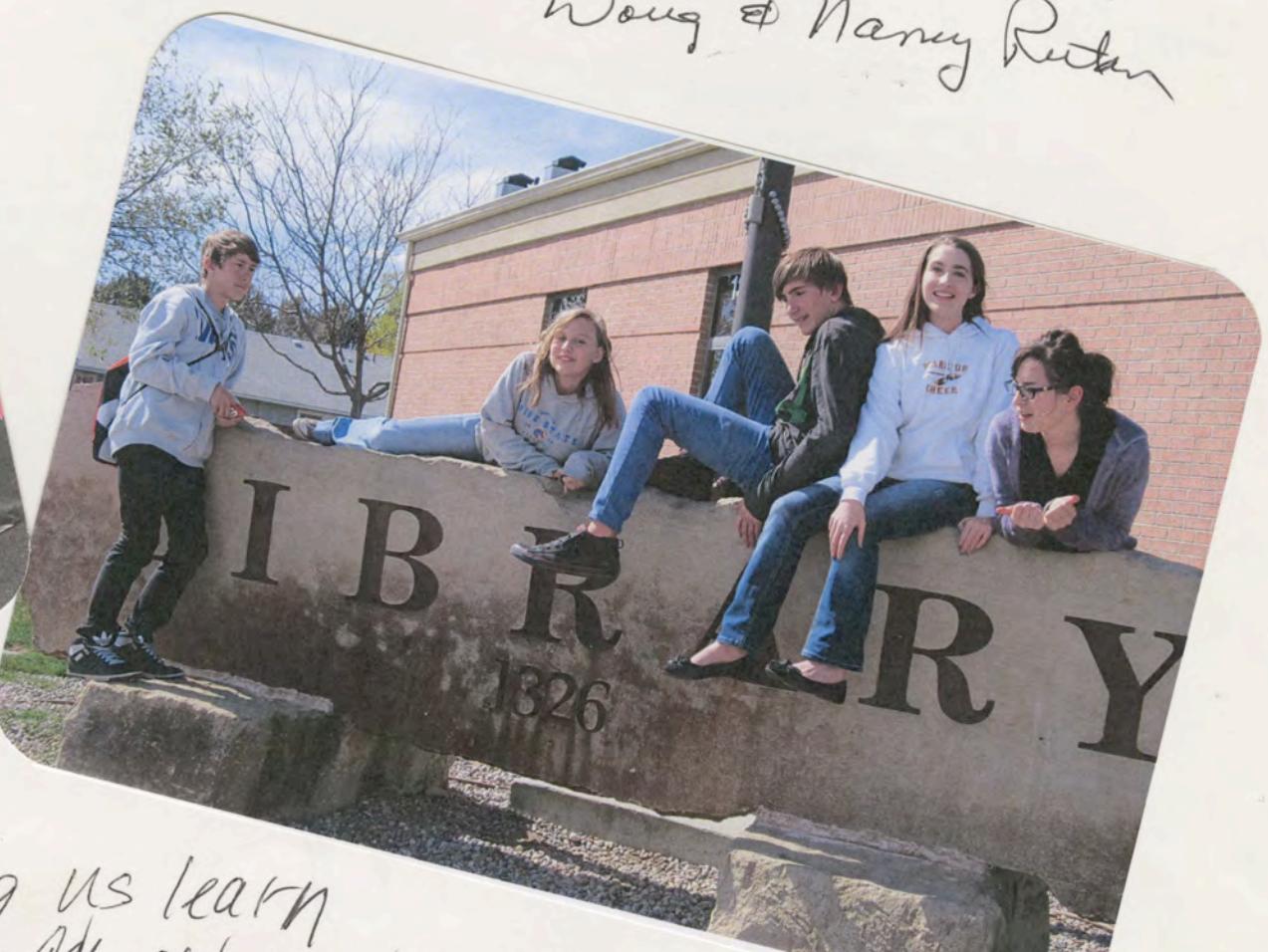
You inspired me to be a librarian.  
Hannah Grago

Happy Birthday!  
I love seeing the parking lot  
full of cars and the library full  
of young folks! Great job!  
Darryl



The Meridian Library has been  
such an important part of our  
community - Here's to another  
20 years!

Doug & Nancy Reiter



Thank you for ~~still~~ helping us learn  
by taking us along and making us

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



Best place ever and the M.L.D.P.S. is

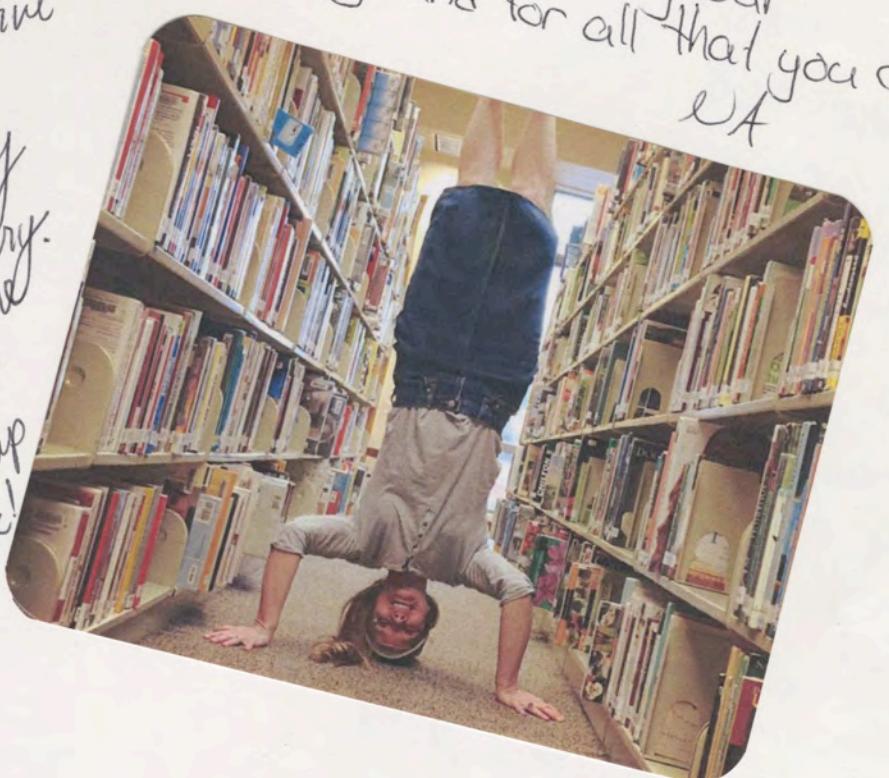
Happy 20<sup>th</sup>!  
You all have all been  
wonderful & so helpful.  
Love the smiling faces  
& warm welcomes.  
Thank you for all you do.

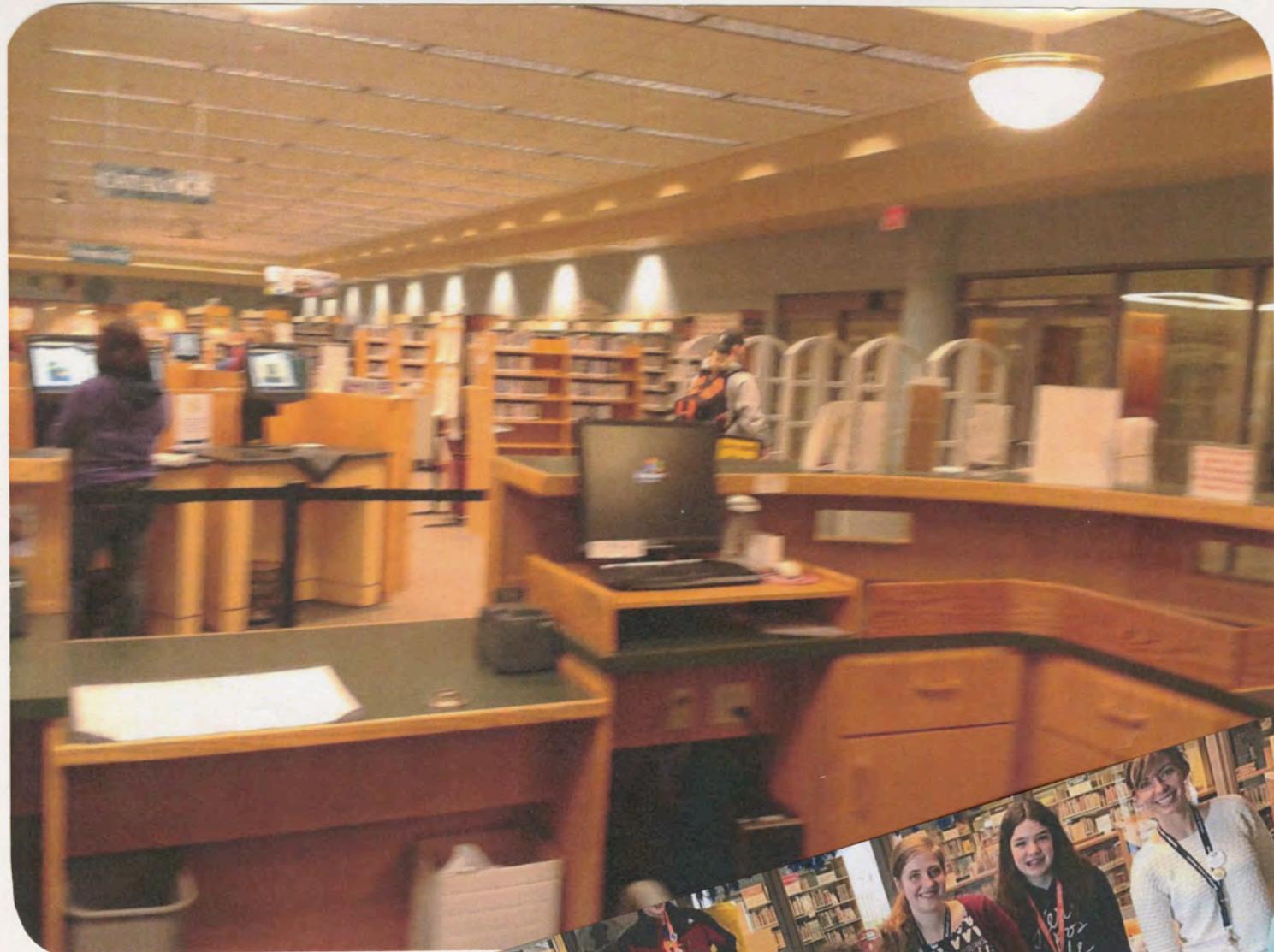


← Kelly, is so nice and has always gone out of her way to be very informative and helpful. Happy Birthday Meridian library. All the staff here are so nice & helpful. Keep up the great work! (1)



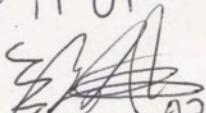
Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
Thank you for serving our community and for all that you do!  
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Birthday!  
We have followed you  
since the start and we  
would be lost without  
you and your awesome  
staff of people!  
Love, the Quarstroms  
Love the library and staff!  
We moved here 10 years ago  
It was one of the first places  
I visited. I love the programs  
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Happy 20th!! The Tracy  
Family

Amazing staff  
Amazing place

This place  
is lit!