



**December 15, 2017**

Dear Friends of the Columbia County Traveling Library,

I could not be more excited about what is happening with our beloved Traveling Library! We have a wonderful new bookmobile, a fabulous staff, and more new books for adults and children than ever before. We have hundreds of new people using the library, whether at one of our new bookmobile stops or at the beautiful renovated walk-in library on Sawmill Road.

You have made these exciting developments possible. We receive significant financial support from our County Commissioners, and some help from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but that funding only provides for very basic services. **Your donations have allowed us to do so much more.**

I have been so impressed that community members have contributed more than \$15,000 for new books in 2017, including individual donations and book sale proceeds. Wow! This is critical to our mission of providing quality reading to all. Your donations allowed us to purchase 200 new board books when demand became so high the shelves were empty. You allowed us to put more new bestsellers on the shelves along with additional titles in fantasy, Christian fiction, literary fiction, non-fiction books on a variety of topics, and more. The library has added more than 3500 books this year, thanks to you!

I have noticed a remarkable increase in the quality of our children's books when the bookmobile stops at Magic Carpet Preschool. Our students love the books and the new storytimes on the bookmobile! Parents across our county appreciate what the Traveling Library does for their children, helping to develop important literacy skills. For seniors, access to books can be a lifeline – some read a book a day! The ability to check out any of 25,000 books in the collection expands reading horizons for all adults. If we don't have a book, the staff can almost always obtain it for you through interlibrary loan. **The Traveling Library just makes our county a better place to live for people of all ages.**

Let's keep this momentum going in 2018! **Will you give the gift of reading this holiday season? I invite you to send in a check today or to make an online contribution using our new donation form at [www.cctlibrary.org](http://www.cctlibrary.org).** Even a small amount can help. A little bit from a lot of people makes a big difference!

I can't wait to see what new books are on the shelves because of you!

Penny Pomfret  
President, Friends of the Columbia County Traveling Library

