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To whom it may concern:

During the past three years, the DeKalb County Public Library (DCPL) has been engaged in implementing a facility plan utilizing funds from a bond referendum approved in November 2006. The county is part of the metropolitan Atlanta area and the library system has twenty three facilities serving approximately 750,000 residents. The interiors of two new signature 25,000 square foot branches were designed by Maureen Arndt, *720 design*.

As Assistant Director for DCPL, I was involved in the development of thirteen branch projects, including those designed by Maureen. Without a doubt, her understanding and appreciation of libraries, their functionality and role in the community was immediately apparent. But beyond her knowledge, I recommend to you her ability to allow for decision making among diverse groups of people with different priorities, points of view and knowledge of building processes.

Maureen is kind, practical, detailed oriented and can bring a project to fruition in a timely and cost efficient manner. Because of these qualities she was recommended to one of our Friends of the Library groups. The Friends contracted with her directly to lead them in exploring how they could utilize hard-earned money from fundraising events to update the interior of the branch they represent. With Maureen's help the project has moved along swiftly and will start construction this summer.

It is without hesitation that I recommend to you Maureen Arndt and *720 design*. Should you wish to contact me by telephone, please do so at 404-370-8450, ext. 2230.

Sincerely,

Magda Sossa  
Assistant Library Director  
DeKalb County Public Library



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