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To: Eric Green <mayor@alpinewy.gov>
Subject: Two ways to donate to the Alpine Branch Library

Mayor Green,

Thanks for stopping in the library today. There are 2 avenues that can be used to make donations to the Alpine Branch Library. Both of these non-profits support the Alpine Branch Library directly and work with staff at the library to determine needs and how to spend any donations.

The [Lincoln County Library Foundation](#), is a non profit 501(c) (3) that administers donations and grants for the Lincoln County Library System and all of its branch libraries. See the link included for more information about the Foundation and how to donate.

We also have the Friends of the Alpine Library non-profit group that supports the Alpine Library with fundraising and volunteering. The current board members are Jennifer Strasburg, President, Amy Wierda, Treasurer and Betsy Grande, Secretary. The Friends group did receive a donation from the Alpine Airpark (via the Town of Alpine) in 2020.

Friends of the Alpine Library (a non-profit 501c3 organization) attended an event at the Alpine Airpark and accepted \$10,000 to benefit the Alpine Branch Library on Saturday, October 31st, 2020:



Many donations go to support library programming for youth and adults, such as puppet shows, kids performers, bounce houses and author visits. We have also supplemented our regular operating budget to purchase items for summer reading or for our Library of Things--the Astronomy Backpack, Storytime Backpacks, Band in a Bag and Pickleball Backpack.

In addition, we have a wishlist of improvements that are a one time cost, but would benefit library patrons in Alpine.

Here are a few:

- Improve landscaping around the library building to create a more inviting and useful area that the folks in Alpine can use on a daily basis, and that would increase our usable space for large outdoor programs. This could include a possible gazebo or covered area for story time, outdoor meetings and events. Interactive outdoor art is another possibility to enhance our space.

- Install a water bottle filling station/water fountain in place of our current water fountain. To encourage the use of refillable water bottles and decrease purchasing one time use plastic water bottles.

- Create a cozier interior reading area with a partial "stone wall" and electric fireplace.

- Set up a Story Walk for kids and families that can be updated with new stories on a regular basis. This could be on library property or somewhere else in town that would be

feasible and accessible to many.

If you have any questions or need more information, let me know.

Thanks again,

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