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Mayor Rick Norby
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Dear Mayor Norby,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Sidney-Richland County Library board. I have been a Sidney resident for more than 16 years and have a keen interest in the services that our community relies on. I am a lifelong reader and grew up in a household that depended on the services that libraries provide to a community that go beyond literacy and access to books.

Libraries are a critical part of the community landscape. Our library provides community meeting space, access to computers, free activities, and most importantly access to information and literacy. Even in today's digital age, it is difficult to have unfettered access to print media without subscriptions or other constraints. The library provides this access to the community and given our lack of bookstores locally, it provides an easy way for people of all ages and backgrounds to find books and media to entertain and educate themselves.

I can appreciate the complexity of assessing the communities current and future needs for the services it provides, including how changing budgets can impact the libraries ability to decide how to meet those needs. I would like to serve on the board because I am passionate about the existence of the library to serve the community and would like to be involved in and help further this. While I have not served on any community boards, I am an active participant in community and parent groups, and am confident that I can take on this role. I am unable to attend the City Council meeting on Monday as I have a scheduled Girl Scout meeting, but hopefully will still be considered.

Sincerely,

