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Peter White Public Library
217 North Front Street
Marquette, Michigan 49855

November 16, 2010

Dear Friends:

I would like to congratulate Peter White Public Library on being awarded a 2010 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Peter White Public Library has become an indispensable part of the Marquette community, and this high honor further demonstrates just how essential the library's services are to northern Michigan.

Over the years, Peter White Public Library has offered an array of groundbreaking programs designed to educate, entertain and foster awareness of various cultures and artistic expressions.

The innovative program, *Fine Line*, presented a collection of striking black-and-white photographs and moving first-person narratives of people affected by mental illness that sparked important discussions on mental health issues in the community. The library has created the *Global Issues* program, which features the presentation of a series of foreign films followed by an insightful discussion with a member of the Northern Michigan University faculty. The library also partners with the Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) to support the production of musicals for middle school students and battle of the bands shows for local area kids.

This prestigious award also honors the professionalism and dedication of the library's incredible staff who work so hard to see that this vital resource continues to offer quality public services.

Once again, I want to congratulate Peter White Public Library and all those who help make it an important window to the world for the Marquette community. I look forward to seeing Peter White Public Library play an integral role in the lives of area residents for years to come.

Sincerely,

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