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Dear friend,

My family moved to Vermont approximately 10 years ago. At the time, I had no friends in the area and knew almost no one in the state. Then my 4-year-old daughter and I attended story time at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library; this was the beginning of our Vermont social network.

Story time was a very special experience where we both made our first friends and began the process of navigating a new community. Beyond story time and other fun children’s activities like the “Stuffy Sleepovers” organized by the awesome Nicole, the Library has served a unique purpose for my family.

Many years ago, I was walking in the aisles of the Children’s Library and heard a mother speaking Spanish to her family; this was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. That one connection in the aisle of KHL became a much larger network of bilingual families, and it has allowed us the opportunity to maintain our cultural connections. Out of that one moment at KHL, many library playdates, gatherings, and mom-outings have taken place.

My daughter and I also frequented many Language Lunches at KHL and although she was way below the average age, it was a unique opportunity for her to practice and maintain her Spanish. I am not aware of any other spaces in the area where you can practice four different languages!

In addition to the role that the KHL plays in my own family’s life, I am aware of the important position KHL holds in our community. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is a source of information, a place to make human connections, and a way to access the outside world using the technological tools available as well as looking through the windows that books allow us. KHL’s librarians don’t just find books, they provide friendship, smiles, and kindness. With each passing day, the Library is working to add new titles that share diverse perspectives. How cool is it to read stories about a huge variety of customs and traditions? How wonderful to learn about other cultures through stories and to see your own culture reflected back in some of those stories?

I recently became a trustee of the KHL because I want to see it continue to prosper and grow. I don’t foresee ever being able to give back all that the library gives to my family, myself, and our community but I know that my time and financial contributions do make a difference. **I invite you to look at the role that the KHL has played in your life and in your community** and translate that into support towards our Spring Appeal. No contribution is too small or too big.

Thank you!

Edisa Gonzalez Revilla Muller
KHL Trustee



Edisa leading Spanish-Speaking Story Time

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