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Books...are only the beginning!

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Mr. Jeffrey Epp
City Manager
City of Escondido
201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025
(Transmitted via email)

Dear Mr. Epp,

Over the last 10 years, I have had the opportunity to experience the difference between working for a county library and multiple libraries operated by Library Systems & Services. In 2011, the benefits of working for LS&S became very clear to me and I made the decision to shift paths and have never looked back.

Like most in the library profession, I care deeply about being able to serve patrons in the best manner possible. At LS&S, we build and maintain locally responsive libraries, which is a really exciting notion. Between the more than adequate funding for programs, collections, and professional development and the empowerment to enact change, LS&S actually delivers on its commitment to provide the best service possible to its patrons.

We have been able to develop children services based on parent education as a priority and strategize and execute on an annual calendar of themed programs, both of which have yielded far bigger impact. Through collaboration with the local education foundation and schools, we have made major inroads with literacy programs and hosted several overwhelmingly successful events. And with a full time resource dedicated to our volunteer outreach and coordination, our volunteer program is thriving and stronger than ever.

LS&S supports and builds the library profession by cultivating library staff. In addition to offering opportunities for growth and movement throughout all LS&S operated libraries, LS&S also empowers leaders to help other staff grow. Recently, when personal circumstances dictated that I relocate, LS&S was able to offer me a Director position at another library. I am so grateful to have had the continuity of LS&S support at both libraries while having the opportunity to experience the uniqueness of each library and their impact on communities. Feel free to contact me at (805) 526-1735, extension 5020, or at kelly.behle@lssllibraries.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Behle".

Kelly Behle
Library Director
Simi Valley Public Library

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