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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Date: November 13, 2023
Subject: Re-Appointment

I hereby reappoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as a member of the Emma L. Andrews Library and Community Center Commission. This term will expire on December 15, 2025.

Virginia R. Champi
84 Purchase Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

October 17, 2017

Donna Holaday, Mayor
City Hall
Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA

Dear Mayor Holaday,

Recently I was asked by Donna Conway to serve on the Emma Andrews Library Commission for the city. I would be glad to serve on this committee.

My personal involvement with this library goes back to the early 90s when I was hired to be its librarian by Dottie LaFrance. At that time I worked shifts at both the Emma Andrews Branch and the downtown Library. While there I was the only employee that was responsible for running the Emma library. This job included circulation at the library desk, selecting and purchasing books, running story hours, keeping records and attending meetings of the Andrews Branch Improvement Association. I took this job very personally, even to the extent of shoveling snow when no one else showed up to do that in order to keep the library open.

When Dottie LaFrance offered me the position of Children's Cataloging Librarian at the main library in 2001, I gladly accepted the position. Although I was no longer the Emma librarian, I did continue to be very involved at the Emma Library. I became the treasurer of the association and a member of the board and also worked on every fundraising activity. When the Emma Andrews Library became independent from the main library, I also continued to be an active member of the board.

I retired from the main library in 2012 but I still work there as a substitute librarian.

Because I only live a stone's throw from the Emma library, I still keep my eye out for the little library from my kitchen window. I feel it is an important and beloved institution in the South End Community.

Hopefully this letter will also serve as my resume regarding the Commission position as it entails all my experience at the Emma Andrews Library and my willingness to maintain its importance in the community.

I appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Virginia R. Champi