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Anne Simon
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Dear Anne:

I am writing in support of the Richmond Memorial Library's 1998 Parent and Child Library Services Grant application, "SCIENCE WIZARDRY". This project has been thoroughly researched, requesting formal input from local teachers on specific needs. The project is inventive and timely, addressing the strong curriculum emphasis on science and science fairs. It will enhance science related resources for both schools and families through collection development, the preparation of prepackaged kits, and the coordination of topical library programs.

The aforementioned project elements will serve to encourage patron use of local library resources, foster and strengthen partnerships with local schools and related agencies, and better satisfy the curriculum needs of local children who do not have ready access to reference resources in the home.

I strongly encourage the New York State Library to consider funding this replicable and regionally valuable model.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie E. Bindeman
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