Sparwood Public Library

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Greetings!

The Sparwood Public Library extends a warm hand of friendship from the past to the residents of the community we knew in an age when your "today" was being forged.

The library of 1984 served both young and old and envisioned a new library to be constructed to replace the leased area in the United/Anglican church basement.

It had its problems receiving appropriate operating funds from the legislative authorities on a local level, despite its overall support by the community as the enclosed 1983 "year end" report acknowledges.

Books, magazines, newspapers and other printed material was the service we rendered to a community that trusted the need to be informed or entertained by the printed word.

Our librarian of the day was Jim Bertoia, whose family had a history in the development of the community from its ancestral Michel-Natal days. He took to the position in the same pioneering spirit, with the vision of upgrading the service to the lifestyle of the community.

The library board foresaw the need to preserve the heritage of the community and made application to the federal government for assistance in hiring personnel to initiate an archive.

You are the judge as to whether or not the program succeeded

and grew with respect to our past. We do sincerely hope our rich history was preserved.

The joy of knowledge and entertainment that our library has provided the many in the Sparwood of 1984 has been a reward for us who serve as the library board. We do hope that you of 2024 share the same enthusiasm and joy.

We have enclosed for your interest 1983's annual report. know you share a common interest of serving and growing to meet your needs of tomorrow.

Sparwood is your home. We tie the Sparwood is our home. same bonds of hope for the family and community where the library serves Sparwood.

Sincerely yours,

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