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March 23, 2018

Mayor Johnny Magee Members of Laurel City Council P.O. Box 4085 Laurel, MS 39440

Gentlemen,

We will badly need the city's help again this year to fund Laurel-Jones County Library System's Summer Reading program for our Jones County children and adults. The Summer Reading program gives our citizens the opportunity to read and maintain or improve reading ability while having fun doing it.

We are requesting a donation from the city of \$3,000. This will help us provide needed reading materials and activities that help feed minds while providing fun activities. We are trying to get volunteers to tutor children this summer. Our success in getting volunteers will determine how many children we can serve with tutoring.

Our Summer Reading program provided fun and educational opportunities for 3000 participants in 2017. It is our hope that we can provide quality materials and programs this summer. When summer is over, we expect to see all the Summer Reading participants making regular use of Library Services throughout the year.

We will appreciate your donation of \$3,000. In addition, the Board of Trustees and the library management and staff invite each of you to be at the events that are planned. It will give your voters and their family an opportunity to meet you and enjoy an event with you.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and I sincerely hope you will be able to help us financially this year.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Breland, Director