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Dear Replacement,

Congratulations on choosing to volunteer at the Perry Public Library delivering books to homebound senior citizens! You can look forward to working with amazing librarians and delivering books to sweet elderly people.

This year was the first year this program was initiated, so I think that my intial experience will be drastically different than yours. However, something that I wish someone would have told me before I started that I think will apply to you too is that, for the most part, you are going to be choosing the books you deliver to people yourself, based on the person's selected authors and genres. This will require effort, and take up most of your time when you are at the library itself. To make it easier for you, I have (hopefully) put together a binder filled with everything you are going to have to know about what to check out for each person, how to check out, and the expectations that come with each person you deliver to.

In order to succeed, you are going to have to help develop social skills and to practice picking out books that the people will want to read. Visits can last 20 minutes to 2 hours (although one person <sup>so far</sup> just visits 10), so you will need to have a pleasant conversation with the person you are delivering to for that long. Also, I wouldn't plan a visit if you have an obligation soon after, as leaving abruptly would be rude.

Some challenges with this are devoting time to picking out the right books for each person, and being able to basically supervise yourself, as you are going to be planning your own hours, and setting up visits yourself.

The librarians you will be working with are literally the sweetest people ever. They will happily help you, get you set up, and answer any questions you may have. Linda Moats is one of the librarians that helped me set the program up, so she'll probably be able to help with anything you need (and you'll probably send your time sheets to her).

The most rewarding things about this job are seeing the joy that lights in the people's eyes when they see you, and the interesting

conversations that you will have over the course of the year. Ms. Patriarca, Ms. LeRoy, and Ms. Sabo especially are amazing and interesting people that I hope you will get to know and care about like I have.

My final words of wisdom are to have fun with this and care about the work you do. This service means everything to the people you deliver to, and they are such nice people, it's worth the effort to make their day.

-Katelyn Sears