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Dear Penny:

On behalf of the Library's Grant Management Committee we want to thank you for participating in this year's Mini Grant program; regretfully, we must inform you that the committee did not recommend funding of your proposal.

The committee received 13 grant proposals this year and, of these, 4 have been funded. Committee members evaluated all proposals according to the same criteria: individual merit and innovation, presentation and completeness of the proposal, appropriateness of the budgetary request, and long-term benefit to the library and university (including the potential to attract additional funding).

Although the committee found merit in all the proposals, some did not meet the standard of long-term benefit while others involved funding issues that passed beyond the scope of the mini-grant program. In particular, a number of proposals requested funding for work or acquisitions that are, in the committee's opinion, more appropriately addressed through other funding sources in the library budget.

The committee had the following comments about your proposal:

The proposal would have benefited from a strong and clear-cut statement of how funding this proposal might be of long-term benefit to the library system.

The significance of the yearbook collection and the extent of use it would receive in digital form were not clear to committee members. We felt that the question of significance, especially with so many proposals in competition, was the most important point that needed to be addressed.

A member of the committee will be calling you to determine if you want or need clarification on this feedback.

Sincerely,

The Grant Management Committee:
Cathy Martyniak, Chair
Erich Kesse
Jan Swanbeck
Peter McKay
Grace Strawn
Kelley Cunningham, Grant officer
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