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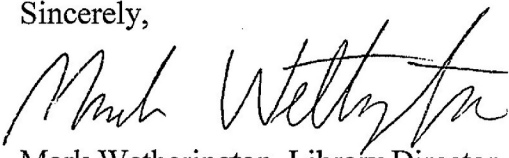
To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to support the Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum and their efforts to find a location in Hamilton from which they can provide much-needed services to our community. At the library, we see so many children and families each day who would benefit from the resources provided by the Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum. It would be wonderful to have an additional organization in Hamilton working to provide meaningful experiences for learning, interaction, and socialization to children and families. We have been familiar with Anita's efforts and her vision from the beginning and strongly believe in the positive impact that the Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum would have for the Bitterroot Valley and Hamilton.

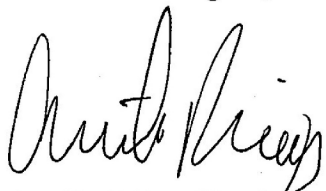
In the last few years, we have noticed that the demand for events and activities for children and families has increased substantially. Many library programs for children and families are at capacity or even have wait lists for those wanting to attend. It would be great to have more programs available in our community and a dedicated space for them, as well as all the other amazing opportunities that would be provided. We are hopeful that the Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum can meet this need **with the support and collaboration of other family-serving resource providers in our community.** The mission of the library overlaps considerably with that of the Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum in regard to supporting children and families in their journeys of learning and enrichment. It would be outstanding to have them located close to the library and more easily facilitate collaborations.

Helping to establish the Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum and furthering their efforts to provide quality enrichment opportunities for children and families would have incredible benefits for our community. We encourage **all potential partners to consider how they can support the valuable efforts of this organization to bring additional high quality educational programs and family resources to our valley.**

Sincerely,



Mark Wetherington, Library Director



Annika Riley, Youth Services Librarian