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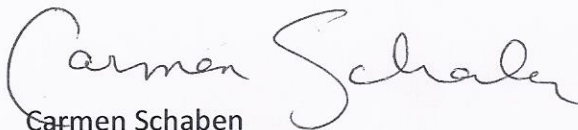
To the Washington Elementary Chess Champions

On behalf of Mid-Columbia Libraries, I wish to extend appreciation and thanks for the substantial donation that launched our Friday Knights chess program at the West Pasco Branch. The donation—received on June 02, 2016, listed below, made our successful program possible.

- 15 chess sets, including pieces and mats
- 15 heavy-duty bags for library checkout
- 1 Demonstration board
- Registration fee for Chesskid.com for access to instructional videos

The resulting program has tallied attendance at 300 persons, to date, with another meeting scheduled for the end of August. Interest has surfaced at other branches of MCL which may indicate expansion possibilities of related activities. During the course of the summer, I witnessed the growth of the chess community in our library. It has been exciting to see diversity joyfully converging around gameboards. Some first time players plan to join their school chess programs when school begins, hopefully returning to the library to play where they met chess for the first time. We expect to continue the program when school starts in order to provide a place in the community for kids and adults to play chess. I'll be watching for the transformative influence I believe this group, meeting regularly, could bring to our Pasco neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



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