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You are Invited to Ribbon Cutting September 23rd

Dear School/Community Member,

September, 2021

My name is **Alyssa Peek** and I am a current senior at North Farmington High School. I am proud to serve as President of both the North Farmington High School Student Senate, and the Diversity and Social Justice Club; additionally, I am active in several other organizations in the school and throughout the community. Because of this, last spring I was awarded the **2021 Optimist Club Leadership Award**. With the award came a \$250 stipend encouraging me to “do something good” in the community. It didn't take long for me to decide what I would do.

I believe that the earlier we reach children and teach them about acceptance, diversity, equity and social justice the more likely they will be responsible and active citizens who are loving, kind, and accepting of others. Therefore, I decided to start a Diversity and Social Justice Library at my former school, Kenbrook Elementary. I spent the summer soliciting donations of books from friends and family. In addition to purchasing books with the original \$250 dollars, I was able to collect over \$4500 in books.

There will be a short ribbon-cutting ceremony in the **Kenbrook Media Center on September 23rd at 3:45**. I would love for you to attend to see what has been accomplished; this is just the start. It is my hope that if people see what I have done that more individuals, and community organizations might be motivated to adopt a school and replicate what we have been able to do at Kenbrook. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

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Amazing how today's youth can see the needs of the future! Editorial comment