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Faye: This serves as my notice that I will be departing the library board at the end of my term, December 31, 2017. I thought I would give you notice so the process can start to find a replacement and for planning.

Faye, I have truly enjoyed my time on the board, six years went fast. I have come thru some good times and some not so good. I truly believe that a public library is the heart beat of a community. When my wife and I travel all over the world to unheard of places, I always try to locate the local library. The communities that have an active library are thriving. The communities that do not have an active library or library at all are dying. I believe that when you have an active library, like the Rapid City Public Library, you have a more educated population, more diverse population, a better work force, a better arts community and just an overall better place to raise a family.

I have always found it interesting, after all the years I have been on the library board I can not check out a book. I do not have a library card, my choice, I just read business magazines and listen to pod casts. My wife uses the library weekly and when my daughters come to town, they spend time at the library.

You have a good solid board and I wish you all the best for the future.

I believe I will be at the October board meeting but will be out of the country for the November meeting and December meeting.

Thank you for all the service you are providing.

Rod Pettigrew