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Fall is my favorite time of year. As Thanksgiving approaches we reflect on how lucky we are to live in such a generous community, and we give thanks for our faithful donors who help us support the Carnegie-Stout Public Library.

Since our last letter, we've used your donations to support two projects. First, we were a major funder of the Maker Space project. If you've not yet had a chance to visit it, we invite you to come see and play with the 3-D printers, scanner, sewing machines, audio/video equipment and more. In addition to the Maker Space, we also funded the purchase of dozens of Kindle Fire tablets to extend library services into Dubuque area seniors living in nursing homes.

During the next year, our focus will include improving childhood literacy in our community. Last spring, the Iowa State Legislature scrapped all funding for the state's 3rd-grade reading initiative. Locally, however, Carnegie-Stout and other local partners remain committed to the goal of having every student reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade. We have several projects on our wish list which support this goal.

We realize that you support many organizations, and we are honored to be among them. We also acknowledge that you receive a significant number of requests for support. It is my hope that you realize the impact that we can have on youth literacy in our community. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Library Foundation Board.

Gratefully,

Paula Connors, Board President
Carnegie Stout Public Library Foundation

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