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*Can you help make the RFPL Library Children's Room
more welcoming and inspiring for our children?*

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Dear Friend,

Generations of River Forest children have been inspired by their experiences in the RFPL Children's Room. Every day our children explore through stories, pictures, and activities that ignite imaginations while building early literacy skills and a lifelong love of learning. Your support is an important part of a journey to update the quality of that heavily used and nurturing space.

What experiences will an updated Children's Room offer? You may remember the 1955 wooden shelves from their place in the original Children's Room in the library basement—or from your visits to the room upstairs. The generous gift of a River Forest family will fund replacement of most of them with new shelving that makes the books more accessible and the space more welcoming. This gift inspired the RFPL Foundation to help improve the functionality of the full space and to substantially increase circulation. Use of the picture book collection jumped 30% in 2014 after moving it to new browser bin shelving. By raising \$35,000 in donations, the Foundation can help the Library install this accessible shelving throughout the room encouraging children to use more aspects of the entire collection, replace tired old carpeting and refresh the room with new paint.

Helping children and their adults find new wonders and old favorites in an updated Children's Room is the goal of the Children's Room Campaign. Your support will make reaching this goal possible. **Please help inspire the next generation of River Forest children with your gift today.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Smedinghoff".

Tom Smedinghoff
President
River Forest Public Library Foundation



P.S. You can give securely online at www.RFPLfoundation.org or use the reply card to donate by mail or at the Library.



___ Yes, I want to inspire our children!

My gift to the Children's Room Campaign is in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other \$ _____

Donate securely online at www.rfplfoundation.org with your credit or debit card.

Make checks payable to River Forest Public Library Foundation.

My Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

My gift is anonymous. I prefer to support the Foundation's Annual Fund with my gift.

My gift is a tribute: in honor in memory of: _____

Please acknowledge this tribute gift to (Name and address): _____

Thank you for your support!

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