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Dear Mr. Keeley,

I'm writing to express my interest in the position of city librarian for the City of Milwaukee.

My experience includes 14 years as a librarian, 11 of which have been with the Milwaukee Public Library. Having joined MPL in 1995, I quickly established myself as a valued team member, moving into a management position after 3 years as a librarian. In 1999, I was appointed children's services coordinator, and since 2001 have held the position of the manager of central library services, serving as deputy to city librarian Kate Huston.

Along with my professional experience, I bring to the job a love of libraries, a keen sense of responsibility to the public, and a commitment to excellence. I am a creative thinker, have strong interpersonal and communication skills, and have a passion for public service. On balance, I'm also comfortable and interested in using statistics to analyze and seek solutions to problems.

The library is at a critical juncture. As an institution we are challenged to meet the urgent needs of our patrons during a time of limited resources, a changing workforce, and an evolution in how information is created, stored, shared, and used. What remains constant, however, is the great need for the materials, information, and assistance that the library provides.

I'm optimistic about the future and believe my vision of library service will help improve the lives of Milwaukee families. The library is not only a valued resource; it serves as an important forum for discussion, exploration, and discovery. I believe I've made a difference through my work, and that I can have an even greater impact as city librarian.

I am looking forward to having the opportunity to discuss the library and how I might contribute to its future as City Librarian.

Sincerely,

Paula A. Kiely