

October 19, 2010

Jesse Nelson
The Julio R. Gallo Foundation
P.O. Box 1130
Modesto, CA 95353-1130

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Waterford Branch Library of the Stanislaus County Library system is requesting a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to increase its materials budget. County-wide, the materials budget was reduced by 15 percent since the 2007-2008 fiscal year in order to better work with the challenges presented by the economic downturn. The current book budget for both adult and children's materials at the branch is \$3,476. As there are no bookstores in the town, and 74 percent of the population has a library card, the branch serves as the hub for educational and recreational reading for the 8,860 residents of Waterford. Although the collection has 20,990 circulating items, last year the branch circulated an incredible 50,181 items.

As the Julio R. Gallo Foundation is an organization that prides itself in helping the community in which the Gallo family and business is geographically located, especially with projects that focus on education we believe that our mission—to foster the love of reading and open the door to knowledge—is in line with the values of the Foundation.

Our hope is that with a grant from your organization, we can enhance our collection with newer materials that can be enjoyed by the young and old in Waterford and the greater Stanislaus County community. With a supplemented collection, we expect to increase circulation and improve our current collection to provide our patrons with more opportunities to foster their love of reading, as well as improve literacy in Waterford and the county at large.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. For more information about our proposal, including the evaluation plan, please contact me, Cindy Scott, Waterford's branch manager, at (209) 874-2191 or cscott@scfl.lib.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Cindy Scott
Waterford Branch Manager