



July 9, 2011

Ms. Diane Kresh
Director, Department of Libraries
Department of Libraries
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 408
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Ms. Kresh:

On behalf of the board of directors of Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), I am pleased to provide this letter of commendation recognizing Cherrydale Library and its outstanding energy efficiency efforts during its 50th anniversary year. Since 1978, ACE has promoted a greener Arlington by effectively mobilizing our neighbors and business leaders to address issues such as climate change, habitat destruction, and protecting our natural resources.

The work Cherrydale Library has done to reduce its energy use is impressive. Through actions including retrofitting the building's lighting, replacing the heat pumps, and switching to an electric water heater, the library was able to reduce their energy by 30% in 10 years. Compared to other libraries around the country, Cherrydale Library uses 35% less energy.

As we face the critical issue of climate change, the need for energy conservation is more important than ever. Having the Cherrydale Library serve as a model for energy conservation is an excellent opportunity for public outreach, especially recognizing the library's 50-year history as a treasured hub for the neighborhood.

In closing, we are pleased to pay tribute to the staff and patrons of Cherrydale Library on their 50th anniversary and offer sincere congratulations on their energy conservation accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Elenor Hodges
Executive Director