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To our Library Community:

It's so fun to see the library transform as school gets back in session. Our after-school crowd appears out of nowhere, slinging back packs, trading jokes and working away on electronic devices. We're so happy to provide a space that feels welcoming to kids and adults of all ages. The staff at Hershey Public Library are also looking towards transformation. This month we held a series of focus groups to hone in on the future of our library. This exciting undertaking will look at the trends in libraries around our country, assess the needs of our community, and start a dialogue for how we can embrace the library of the future.

It's important to remember though, the library of the present is in high demand! Our meeting rooms are nearly constantly booked and many of our programs have full registration a month out. Our Gale Courses online learning platform has 165 enrollments this year with 51 completed courses. Our new books continue to fly off the shelf and we're happy to re-stock! It's clear that our community values this library and we're delighted to get to serve them every day.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style, that reads "Laura O'Grady".

Laura O'Grady