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To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to recommend to other librarians, cities, school districts, and other entities that invest in public, school, and business libraries the services and expertise of Penny Gromatsky, owner of Libra-Tech Corporation when they look for a professional Library and Technical Furnishing company. Penny and her handpicked staff and contractors recently completed a renovation of our small public library in Celina, Texas. The experience for me was amazing and so much fun!

Celina Public Library is a small library that opened in late 2009 as the first stand-alone library in rural Celina. The population of Celina more than doubled over the past ten years and Celina is now the fastest growing city in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex. With so many infrastructure demands on an exponentially growing rural community, our small library must wait a while to become bigger. However, the City had funds to update our current library and I went in search for a professional who could create a proposal for renovating the library.

Libra-Tech immediately interested me because they are located in North Texas and included the following statement in bold on their web site: **"No Client is Too Big or Too Small."** I looked no further, reallocated a portion of my operating budget and hired Libra-Tech to develop a space plan and quote for updating the Library. Of course, the City wanted to negotiate the price in order to work within the available City budget for the project. Penny proved to be a consummate and engaging expert during this process and never hesitated when questioned about design decisions. She is a gifted collaborator, is willing to bend and provide alternatives in the interest of the outcome. I realized how much she invests of herself personally and professionally to see that the project is a "win-win" for all parties. I literally could not wait until the project began!

Penny redesigned the floor plan creating space for additional new shelving that provides room for an additional 1,000 more books and media. She angled existing shelving that opened up more space and line of sight and separated computer carrels that gave more privacy and resulted in more space. New carpet, fresh paint, reupholstered chairs, new tables, chalkboards and suspended flying books all work together to breathe light and life into our city's library. All of this the culmination of many hands working together to tear down and rebuild. What excites me most about Penny's work is her vision, enthusiasm and her genius with color. I smile every day I walk into this unique library. We reopened to the public on June 5, 2020. Our patrons love their "new" library. Visitors regularly comment on how large and light it looks! Thank you Penny Gromatsky, Libra-Tech and friends for providing us with a renewed sense of place and life connected!

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