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Dear Health Care Professionals,

We want to thank you and your organization for your willingness to participate in Bellaire Public Library's "Prescription to Read" program. Enclosed are copies of the list of materials we have purchased which are now available to patrons and community members. All materials have been suggested by local experts in the medical and wellness fields.

This program is available to all patrons and community members of the BPL service area (Village of Bellaire, Forest Home, Kearney, and Custer Townships). *Prescription to Read* was funded by a Great Lakes Energy People Fund Grant. Those folks who are not in our service area are still able to check out items using their home library card through a statewide service called Visiting Patrons.

The goal of this program is to provide authentic, user friendly books and other materials on topics of health, wellness, and mental health concerns to our patrons. In order to make sure we are ordering appropriate materials, we have asked local wellness, medical, and health care professionals to suggest materials we should purchase and ultimately make available to patients and clients who are also our patrons and community members.

As a final piece of this program, we are including a supply of *Prescription to Read* notepads for health professionals to write down book suggestions to give to your patients/clients who would then come to the library and know which materials they might find helpful. Please be assured that Bellaire Public Library is held to a high standard of confidentiality as mandated by the Library Privacy Act 455 of 1982. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Cindi L. Place
Library Director