

May 19, 2017

Elizabeth B. McDermott
Library Director
Red Bank Public Library
84 West Front Street
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Dear Ms. McDermott

Please accept my warmest congratulations on the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Eisner Memorial Library. Congratulations to you and your staff, the Eisner family and their descendants, and the people of Red Bank. What a selfless and generous donation the Eisner family made 80 years ago to the future of the Borough of Red Bank.

How wonderful that now thanks to the support of the community, you are able to reopen the Local History Room and make available to researchers, genealogists, historians and interested visitors the collection of historic documents and photographs of Red Bank.

Although I am not able to be there with you for this celebration, I hope to be able to come visit sometime in the near future during your anniversary year. I am anxious to see firsthand the wonderful community resource that you have described as “the most remarkable place in town” – the Eisner Memorial Library – as it thrives in 2017!

On a personal note, I can easily relate to the pride and sense of history that you and your staff are experiencing. Early in my career, I had the honor of serving as the director of a library in Massachusetts similar to the Eisner Memorial Library. It had been donated by the family as a testimonial to the parents' commitment to growth and learning in their home town. The foresight of these generous founders in supporting learning and development in their beloved communities into the future, leaves us forever in their debt.

With sincere regards from the staff at the New Jersey State Library, we send you best wishes for a spectacular and heart-warming year of celebration,

Sincerely,



Mary L. Chute
State Librarian