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November 21, 2025

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Cooperstown Borough
142 Riverside Dr.
Cooperstown, PA 16317

Cooperstown Public Library Association
c/o Justine Cashdollar
127 Factory St.
Cooperstown, PA 16317

Re: Oil Region Library Association Cooperstown Branch

Dear Mayor Meyer, Borough Officers, and CPLA Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors of the Oil Region Library Association has made the decision to close the branch known as the Cooperstown Public Library. During our efforts to secure ongoing funding for ORLA's services county-wide through the library referendum, we were very transparent that without the funding, ORLA could no longer financially sustain the operations of the Cooperstown branch.

Unfortunately, the voters of Venango County, including the voters of Cooperstown, Oakland, Jackson, and Plum, did not recognize the value of committing tax dollars to preserve this community resource and the referendum failed.

ORLA will cease all operations at the Cooperstown branch effective December 31, 2025. Patrons and residents of Cooperstown, Oakland, Jackson, and Plum will continue to be part of ORLA's service area and will receive free library services at our Oil City and Franklin branches and have continuing access to our digital collection. We are committed to exploring other service delivery and programming for your area with the ongoing support of the community.

ORLA will be transferring all of the collection materials and other library property to its other locations in continuation of its library operations. We intend to vacate the library building no later than January 31, 2026. We will turn over keys, utilities, and building management to the Borough at that time.

So that we can provide our library patrons with adequate notice of this change in service, we will begin communicating publicly about the Cooperstown closure no later than December 15. We appreciate your cooperation, support, and understanding. We have made every effort to continue normal operations, but have been met with the disappointing outcome of the referendum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Flaherty", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Flaherty
Executive Director