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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Recommendation for Mary Alice Osborne-Library Media

I have been in six overseas schools and two stateside schools spanning thirty-three years as a classroom teacher, library media director, principal, and director. This is my second year as director of the American Cooperative School of Tunis. I have come to know Mary Alice Osborne very well professionally during this time. Because of my past experience as a district library media director I have always had a keen interest in the library media program in all the schools I have been in since. I can say without reservation that Ms. Osborne is truly knowledgeable and extremely effective in providing one of the best programs I have ever seen both overseas and within the United States.

Ms Osborne has been very successful in integrating monthly and classroom themes into the upper school library program. She has demonstrated both organizational and technical skills and imagination to capture the essence of the topics and themes being covered. She has involved students, teachers, parents, and other members of the community to collaborate and provide numerous presentations or exhibits. Results have been impressive and have promoted greater participation in using our facilities by both the teaching staff and students. Results have also provided more meaningful support for learning activities. Ms. Osborne has always accommodated users before, during, and after school, including being open on Saturday mornings. She encourages use of the library for special events and assists in ensuring that the areas to be used are properly set up.

Over this past year I have seen Ms. Osborne effectively assume greater leadership responsibilities to provide greater collaboration, accountability and improved service. She welcomed responsibility for controlling all AV equipment, including sound and lighting for performances. She designed the floor space for the Library while the architect drew construction plans. She has further enhanced the configuration of materials and equipment to stimulate extensive appropriate utilization of space, materials, and services.

Mary Alice Osborne is also a teacher. She has instructed students and teachers on research skills and taught a yearbook class one year and sponsored it as an after school activity the next. The rating for the yearbook from our school community has been superior. Ms. Osborne established programs for encouraging reading with our students and adults. She facilitated book clubs for a Mother/Daughter

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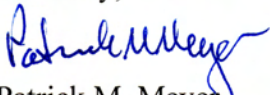
program in collaboration with the upper school principal and two upper-school teachers to address young teenage girls' developmental issues. She organized and led a student book club for young adults. She has just organized an adult book club, which has had an overwhelming response. She organizes and leads the Annual Book Bowl and manages an accelerated reading program for the middle school students.

Ms. Osborne has worked with teachers and students to promote a proper research process. She has been instrumental in developing a style sheet for the school to outline the proper process for research and writing. She has assisted in obtaining software tools to detect plagiarism (Turnitin) and to assist students to make correct bibliographic citations (NoodleTools). She has been working these past three years to build the library holdings to support the IB program as it grows and matures.

The displays in the library have been incredible. They reflect what is happening in both the academic and activities programs. Ms. Osborne utilizes digital photography and produces wonderful collages and power point presentations for events and topical areas.

Mary Alice Osborne is an outstanding Librarian with multimedia skills vital to the successful operations of a school library media area. I recommend her without reservation. If the opportunity ever occurred I would rehire her.

Sincerely,



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