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Dear my beloved library patrons,

I would like to welcome you to the New Year! Did everyone have a wonderful holiday season? I sure did, in fact, I have decided to take my weary old bones and retire here in the warm continent of South America in the town of Cumaná. Look at the picture I included with my letter of the beach I now live on!

How did I get here? I left early to go visit the Library Manager and her family until my brother phoned me on those new finagled phones called the cellular telephone. He said he had just purchased a place on the beach and wanted me to come visit. Said it was time I retired and enjoyed my life. I told him I enjoyed every day of my life at the public library in Morrisville but he said it snows there. Brrrrr...

Well kids and adult kids, I agree with him there. I have so enjoyed my time here that I have decided to stay and live with my brother until my final resting days. Read on the beach, bury my tail in the sand and enjoy the beautiful rays of sunshine on my scaly skin.

Don't be sad though, as I was talking up what a great home I have at the public library and all the wonderful people I have met, when my wild and crazy niece, Lucy, begged and begged me to allow her to visit. She has never been to a library. She has never even read a BOOK! When I heard this, I knew it was meant to be. I knew my time as the library lizard was over, it was time for me to retire and enjoy myself. Lucy was needed in Morrisville.

*She got on her cellular thing-a-ma-jiggy and called the Library Manager. Arrangements were made and Lucy should be settling in quite nicely to her new home now. Be sure to tell her all the great books she needs to read. She loves crickets and she's a people watcher. She wishes she had two legs like humans and not a big floppy tail. She is a little rambunctious as she is only 3 months old. She will need some watchful people to make sure she doesn't get into trouble. I trust all of you with her care. Enjoy her and teach her all you can. I have read every book in our library, she needs to too and so do you!*

*As for me, I am available by letter. I tossed that cellular thingy in the water when I couldn't figure out how to get it to stop making that awful ringing noise. So write me letter. Tell me what you are up to, ask me questions about me and where I am living and of course what good books you have read. I promise I will write every single one of you back and the Library Manager assured me your letters and mine would be posted on my bulletin board.*

*I will miss every single one of you and look forward to your letters. Place them in my special mailbox next to Lucy's home. I will write from time to time to see how my vivacious niece is doing. Talk to you all real soon!*

*Your Friend,*

*Lucky the Library Lizard*