



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**WINCHESTER, VA – December 20, 2022:** The Winchester Regional Airport Authority and Handley Regional Library System announced a new partnership, “Story Time at the Airport”, that establishes a free children’s story time at the airport each month. The first event is scheduled for Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the main terminal building located at 491 Airport Road, Winchester, VA 22602. Ben Garrand, Youth Services Assistant at Bowman Library, will lead the story time sessions. Parents and guardians are encouraged to join the fun.

“Story Time at the Airport fits nicely with the airport’s desire to connect with the community in new and meaningful ways,” said Winchester Regional Airport Authority Chairman Bill Pifer. “It brings two institutional anchors together for a common purpose: to spark an interest in aviation through an engaging visit at their local airport.” According to Executive Director Nick Sabo, similar programs at airports across the country served as the inspiration and model for this collaboration. “We were thrilled to be approached about the idea,” Handley Library Youth Services Division Head Donna Hughes said. “The exciting venue will capture the imagination of the kids and give us a new opportunity to share information about the resources available through our robust system of libraries.”

Opportunities to expand the partnership are in discussion. “We see this as just the start of a wonderful relationship,” Sabo said.

For information about the Winchester Regional Airport, please visit [www.flyokv.com](http://www.flyokv.com).

For information about the Handley Regional Library System, please visit [www.handleyregional.org/](http://www.handleyregional.org/).

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