Dear [Librarian's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere apologies for not returning the library books on time. I understand the importance of adhering to due dates to ensure that all patrons have access to the materials they need.

Unfortunately, [brief explanation of circumstances that led to the delay, e.g., unforeseen personal issues, illness, etc.]. I take full responsibility for this oversight and assure you it was not my intention to inconvenience anyone.

I have now returned the books [or state your plan for returning them] and will make sure to prioritize returning all borrowed materials by their due dates in the future. I value the resources our library provides and regret any disruption my delay may have caused.

Thank you for your understanding, and I appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Contact Information]