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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:27 AM

To: shunteratdpi@msn.com; stolijones@gmail.com; Michelle Van Krey; Gary Beastrom; sarah.thurs@gmail.com; swinch@stratford.k12.wi.us; mang@hmongchamber.org; Ralph Illick

Subject: [EXTERNAL] I appreciate current WVLS Services-NO Changes

Hello,

I am writing to let you know that I appreciate the current services provided by WVLS. My family frequently requests the use of materials that are held in Rhinelander, Edgar, Antigo, and other central/northern WI branches. It is a tremendous blessing to have the opportunity to borrow materials to support the needs of our family.

It's my understanding that you are consider a change to the service network system. I would discourage any changes that would decrease the current services through longer wait times, more cumbersome processes, or increased costs for the county.

Thank you for your efforts to provide a cost-effective and user friendly system to support our local library branches!

Joy Briggs

From: SHANNON BUTALLA <butallabadgers@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:45 AM

To: Shunteratdpi@msn.com; stolijones@gmail.com; Gary Beastrom; michellevankrey@co.marathon.wi.us; sarah.thurs@gmail.com; swinch@stratford.k12.wi.us; mang@hmongchamber.org; Ralph Illick

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote for current library system

Dear Board:

As a member of the "Friends of the Marathon County Library", I'm emailing to let you know that I support Marathon County library system staying within the existing WI Valley Library Services system.

If our system were to leave the WVLS system, this would greatly increase the cost to us, taxpayers. I feel the services will potentially decrease, as the number of staff locally may be affected. Given the transit time and moving services from our current local system, I anticipate wait times will be much longer. I have also experienced the length of time that it takes for books to come through other WI systems with loans requested and I anticipate this move would create similar situations and wait times.

Another consideration is that county residents will have to get multiple library cards to use services if the move were to happen. I have experienced this in the past when utilizing the Portage County library system because we had children attending school in that area, this move we would require us to have multiple library cards to use library services.

Please vote to stay within the WVLS.

Thank you,

Rachel Butalla
Friends of MCPL Member
Concerned Marathon County resident

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From: Rebekah Chartier <rcathjg@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 10:43 PM

To: shunteratdpi@msn.com; stolijones@gmail.com; Gary Beastro; michellevankrey@co.marathon.wi.us; sarah.thurs@gmail.com; swinch@stratford.k12.wi.us; mang@hmongchamber.org; Ralph Illick

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO move to SCLS -- Keep WVLS

Dear Marathon County Public Library board members,

I would like to ask that you do NOT make the move to the South Central Library Services in Madison. As a homeschooling family, my family relies heavily on the materials we can obtain from the Wisconsin Valley Library System. The proposed move will increase costs, decrease services, increase wait times, and require residents to obtain multiple library cards to use services. Please vote NO.

Respectfully yours,
Rebekah Chartier

From: Erin Crawford <erin@oad.marketing>

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:48 AM

To: Ralph Illick; mang@hmongchamber.org; swinch@stratford.k12.wi.us; sarah.thurs@gmail.com; michellevankrey@co.marathon.wi.us; Gary Beastro; stolijones@gmail.com; shunteratdpi@msn.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote to stay within WVLS

TO: Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees

FROM: A "Friends of the Marathon County Library" member and concerned citizen

Dear Board:

As a member of the "Friends of the Marathon County Library", I'm emailing my support in favor of staying within the existing WI Valley Library Services system.

Getting out of the WVLS would greatly increase the cost. Services will decrease. Wait times will be much longer. County residents will have to get multiple library cards to use services if the move takes place.

Please vote to stay within the WVLS.

Thank you,

Erin Crawford
Friends of MCPL Member
Concerned Marathon County resident

From: Tina Jensen <greenbyusa@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 10:11 PM

To: Scott Winch; Gary Beastro; mang@hmongchamber.org; Ralph Illick; sara.thurs@gmail.com; stoliJones@gmail.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Library move

Good morning,

I've just heard of a proposal to remove the library system from the Wisconsin Valley system to the one in Madison??

Did you guys make the patrons and taxpayers aware of this proposal that you are discussing?

Is it true that this is going to cost \$52,000 extra not to mention it would make ordering or getting books even harder?

As of right now our family is discriminated against from coming into the library so I am utilizing the ordering system we order almost 50 books a month.

America has an amazing library system and we already pay so much in taxes. Right now we are paying so much in taxes for a service we don't even get to utilize at it's full extent.

Books in the access to books are extremely important for a nation to survive and thrive right now we are seeing the signs of Marxism and communism don't take it one step further By doing anything to our library system here.

Tina Jensen

From: Amy J Lanser <ajlanser@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:12 AM

To: Ralph Illick

Subject: [EXTERNAL] WVLS Support

Hello -

I am writing to ask you to remain in the WVLS system and not move to the SCLS system. As a homeschooling family we utilize the public library a lot and we appreciate the content we are able to access now with the WVLS libraries. Many of the materials we seek are not available through MCPL and because of WVLS we are able to get them through other libraries. I have not seen many of these older materials available in the SCLS system, so it would be a great disappointment to our family to lose access.

Thank you,
Amy

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Amy Lanser

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From: S Leafblad <sarahleafblad@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:46 PM

To: Ralph Illick; mang@hmongchamber.org; swinch@stratford.k12.wi.us; sarah.thurs@gmail.com; Michelle Van Krey; Gary Beastrom; Kari Sweeney; shunteratdpi@msn.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote to stay within WVLS

TO: Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees

FROM: A "Friends of the Marathon County Library" member and concerned citizen

Dear Board:

As a concerned citizen and library lover, I am in favor of staying within the existing WI Valley Library Services system.

Getting out of the WVLS would increase costs and wait times, and decrease services. County residents will have to get multiple library cards.

Please vote to stay within the WVLS.

Thank you,

Sarah Leafblad
Concerned Marathon County resident

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Sarah Leafblad

From: Joanne Leonard <jleonard@pcpros.net>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Joanne Leonard
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MCPL Board of Trustees - Please do not withdraw from WVLS

Dear Marathon County Library Board of Trustees,

The MCPL has been a shining star in Marathon County. Many of us have successfully used the services over the year and Many residents without complex needs such as those being touted by Mr. Illick as necessary to keep our library viable for our community. The more complex issues can be addressed through the University Library System and it is common knowledge, there isn't much of anything that can't be accessed somehow through the University Library system.

MCPL has been the standard bearer for the smaller counties in the WVLS system who do not have the resources, either financially or technically to provide many of the services they can access through WVLS and MCPL. I have yet to see any time that local government has moved into the realm of Madison and Dane County be cost effective. AND I haven't seen any financial figures that would indicate that this move to SCLS will improve services and cost the same or less than the services now being provided to the residents of Marathon County. The early financial summary from the financial director at the MCPL was an embarrassment and talked down to those of us that were reading it.

As a long time resident of Marathon County, I'm imploring you to reconsider your decision to withdraw from WVLS and work out a solution to whatever issues Mr. Illick indicated, after some pushback from the community, that need to be fixed. Prior to that there were no problems as yearly reports indicated.

Thank you to Supervisors Beastron and Van Krey and Ms. Sweeney for voting NO on withdrawal from WVLS.

Thank you for your time.

Joanne Leonard
Former County Board Supervisor Dist. 6 - 2006-2016

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From: April Ramsey <aprilmramsey@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:21 AM

To: shunteratdpi@msn.com; stolijones@gmail.com; Gary Beaström; michellevankrey@co.marathon.wi.us; Ralph Illick; mang@hmongchamber.org; swinch@stratford.k12.wi.us; sarah.thurs@gmail.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Potential Library changes - Please do not support

I have been made aware that the Marathon County Library is considering a change to join the SCLS in Madison. I foresee that this will only bring more cost (one quote projects a minimum increase of + \$52,000/year) and also much more inconvenience to patrons in Marathon county. Please do not support this unreasonable and unnecessary change. It is already extremely inconvenient to check out books as it is with the Wausau library virtually closed to browsing.

Sincerely,

April Ramsey, Wausau resident