



May 15, 2020:

Tracy Herold, Director
Dane County Library Service
1874 South Stoughton Road
Madison, WI 53716

Dear Tracy:

This letter is to formally request that the Dane County Library Board grant an additional one year County Library tax provisional exemption to the Waunakee Public Library. The Waunakee Public Library Board passed a resolution requesting this exemption at its May 15, 2020 meeting. As you have informed us, the Waunakee Library fell short of the county standard for materials owned at the end of 2019 as shown in our Annual Report. Based on our Village's population of 13,855 residents, the county standards call for the Library to own a minimum of 60,962 items. Per our annual report, the Library owned 60,487 items at the end of 2019.

As you are aware, we moved to a new facility in mid-2019. In preparation for our move, we aggressively weeded our collections. The Waunakee Library's collection had not been weeded fully in years and both the Library Board and Library Director felt it important to remove the items that were significantly out-of-date or no longer of public interest as we moved into our new building. This project left us below the minimum. Unfortunately, our efforts to buy enough materials to meet the minimum standard in 2019 fell short. The Library Board and Library Director have set aside significant funds to exceed the minimum standard in 2021 and beyond.

We thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Elvekrog
Library Board President
Waunakee Public Library

Erick Plumb
Library Director
Waunakee Public Library