



April 19, 2019:

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 a 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 April 19, 2019 meeting. As you have informed us, the Waunakee Library fell short of the county standard for materials owned at the end of 2018 as shown in our Annual Report. Based on our Village's population of 13,765 residents, the county standards call for the Library to own a minimum of 60,170 items. Per our annual report, the Library owned 57,818 items at the end of 2018.

We are preparing to move to our new facility in July of this year. In preparation for our move, we have been aggressively weeding our collection in the last year. The collections 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in years and both the Library Board and Library Director felt it important to remove the items that were significantly out-of-date or no longer of public interest as we moved into our new building. We intend to re-build our collection this year and in future years, and have set aside funds to have an "Opening Day" collection when we debut our new building. We fully intend to meet the collection standards for 2020 and beyond.

We thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jean Elvekrog
Library Board President
Waunakee Public Library

Cynthia Turner
Library Board Secretary
Waunakee Public Library