



SUN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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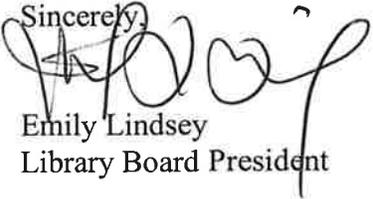
Dear Tracy,

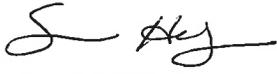
This letter is to formally request that the Dane County Library Board grant a one-year County Library tax provisional exemption to the Sun Prairie Public Library to be applied in 2026. The Sun Prairie Public Library has been under construction since June 2024. The construction project is an expansion and renovation of the existing facility.

This additional space and remodel of existing spaces and mechanical systems will allow us to better serve our community into the future. The space includes a larger youth program room, a dedicated teen space, an outdoor program space, study rooms, additional meeting spaces, holds pick-up window, and an atrium space. The renovation also includes state of the art sustainable mechanical features including geothermal HVAC, solar panels, a battery energy storage system, a microgrid, and EV charging stations.

In order to keep the construction project on track, the Sun Prairie Public Library reduced hours starting on August 16, 2024. Instead of 69 hours/week, the library was open to the public for 62 hours/week and we were closed for two (2) week intervals for moving phases. As a result, in 2025, the Sun Prairie Public Library was open 2,976 hours. To meet standards, the minimum hours required to be open would have been 3,250 hours, which puts us at 92% of the minimum number of hours. This difference was entirely due to the construction project and we fully intend to meet the standard for 2026 and future years.

We thank you for your consideration and we look forward to inviting you to visit the Sun Prairie Public Library!

Sincerely,

Emily Lindsey
Library Board President


Svetha Hetzler
Library Director