



BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY



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Buchanan City Commission
302 N. Redbud Trail
Buchanan, MI 49107

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at your meeting on June 12, and for the kind words of encouragement and support you offered at that time. We truly appreciate the relationship our library has with the City of Buchanan.

When I spoke at the meeting, I shared our library's recent successes as well our vision for the future. As part of our current five-year Strategic Plan, we have recognized a need to expand our library space and the opportunity we have to renovate the unfinished portion on the second floor of our building. Our plans include a large community room for library and public use, additional programming space, an expansion of our Local History Room, and an arts & business technology lab we are currently calling "Hometown Hub."

Recently we learned of the MI Community Centers Grant offered through the Michigan Department of Labor and Opportunity. This grant offers awards up to \$2,500,000 for capital or program costs to strengthen Michigan communities by enhancing services that provide education support, workforce training, health services, recreation activities, older adult programming, meeting space, and other community needs. We believe our renovation project meets the objectives of this grant and are preparing a strong application. If awarded the amount we are requesting, it would fully fund our renovation project.

Part of the application includes showing community support for the project. You can help us with our application by approving the attached resolution at your next available meeting before August 31, 2023, along with a letter of support. Both can be returned to me at the library or sent to my email address.

Again, thank you for your service to our community and your support for the Buchanan District Library.

Sincerely,

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