

## Will Richter

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**From:** Mollie Stanford <mollie.stanford@alslib.info>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:26 AM  
**To:** Will Richter  
**Subject:** 2025 MOE Certification -- Grand Rapids Area Library  
**Attachments:** 2025 MOE Certification - Grand Rapids.pdf

Greetings, Will!

Around this time each year, our colleagues from State Library Services/Minnesota Department of Education notify every Minnesota county and every Minnesota city that operates a public library with the minimum amount they are required to provide for library service in the coming year (in this case, 2025).

These letters used to have much greater significance as those minimum amounts frequently changed as a result of just how much the city or county provided in the preceding two years. Over ten years ago, the Minnesota Legislature saw fit to essentially freeze the amounts for all of the jurisdictions. Since the Legislature enacted that freeze, the amount on each year's letter is the same as the year before. It will remain the same for future years until the Legislature un-freezes the amounts. A number of cities and counties across the state fund their respective libraries at amounts above what appears on their letter, however there are still some that fund at the minimum amount.

As the letters are being sent directly to city clerks and/or city administrators, I want to make sure you have a copy for your records as well. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Best,  
Mollie

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\*My work day may look different than your work day. Please do not feel obligated to respond outside of your normal working hours.

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Hello,

Attached is your city's 2025 state-certified maintenance of effort amount. Please note that this amount is not reflective of the actual cost of maintaining your local library or libraries. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Thank you,

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