

September 3, 2024

Dear Cyndy Martin and Library Board Members,

We wish to express our appreciation for allowing us to address the Board with eagerness to seek creative solutions to have the library open on Saturday mornings. Our concerns stem from the limited access to the great majority of working parents and their children who are unable to visit the library during the current weekday hours.

After reviewing the 2019 Monthly Activity Report it is apparent that the third greatest number of library users was on Saturdays – up until 2:00p.m. (The statistical summary is included with this letter.) Mondays, and Tuesday's mornings reflected the first and second busiest, followed by Saturday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. With understanding of these results – our concern increased. Access on Saturday mornings for school-age children and their working families - we believe should be a priority to the Library Board and leadership.

We are sensitive to the financial challenges facing the GR Area library and one solution maybe to adjust openings and or closing times on weekdays - thus not adding extra hours to the work week for Library staff – but alternatively starting - a bit later or ending one afternoon a bit earlier.

As we continue to engage in conversations with library enthusiasts, community support for this need appears to be very strong. We sincerely hope you will join in the effort to have the public Library open for a period of time on Saturday mornings. It surely would be in the best interests of our children!

Sincere thank you's to all!

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