

## Will Richter

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Ron Lichtle ([rapidsrev@gmail.com](mailto:rapidsrev@gmail.com)) sent a message using the contact form at <https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/>.

Hi.

I have lived in Grand Rapids for over 25 years, raised my family here and am a community leader (pastor of River of Life church). It was a thrill to see the new library built and watch its construction many years ago. Many hours have been spent there and our 4 children were raised with an appreciation for our great local library. Our public library is a wonderful gift to our community and greatly appreciated!

I'm reaching out to gather information as well as make a request. As such a community asset and the need for more community health, the library needs more access and more hours of operation. I'm requesting that the library open back up to pre-pandemic hours and consider more than that. I believe the present hours are around 32 per week which is far too little for such a great facility (especially with winter/cold weather coming with its limitations). With area taxes rising in so many different ways (local sales tax, property taxes) our local library should be one of the benefits and have the capacity for greater usage.

- Who is the leader of the library and who do they report to?
- Who makes the decisions regarding library hours?

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you!