



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 1/20/2022
Re: Library System ARPA Funds

Multiple library systems worked together to apply for ARPA funds, which were awarded in the category of Space Needs. Our library may spend up to \$3,000 on items from a specific menu provided by the system. With the funds, we have opted to purchase a new projector screen, a new mobile projector, 37 panels for soundproofing the study rooms, and a small youth browser bin for books.

Our current mobile projector and screen are at least ten years old and needed to be replaced many years ago. Regardless of the age, we actually still use them when meeting rooms are completely booked and we need a screen for a gathering in the Teen Computer Lab or the Adult Fiction area. We have also brought it with us on outreach visits in the past and the new set will be much less cumbersome to travel with.

We have had many comments lately regarding the acoustics in this building. We opted to start small and focus on study rooms by utilizing the majority of these funds on panels. These panels will be affixed to the walls in the study rooms to help dampen noise between the rooms and from outside the rooms. We will likely contact DPW for help with installation.

The small browser bin will replace storage bins that are currently housing overflow board books. With the play area being closed and storytime attendance and registration reduced, we have more board books than ever on shelf and need an expanded option for them.

We have not yet been notified as to whether or not the orders have been placed, but we do have until June 2022 to install.

In the future, we will need to spend additional funds on soundproofing, as it continues to be an issue for patrons in the space.