February 28, 2024

Hello City Council Members,

Early in February, three library team members and one library trustee attended Library Legislative Day in Madison. This is a yearly event sponsored by the Wisconsin Library Association and provides librarians, trustees, and support staff an opportunity to talk with elected officials about library services provided to Wisconsin citizens. Our team met with Senator Jagler's office aid, Representative Penterman's office aid and Representative Dittrich. Library representatives from libraries Jefferson and Dodge counties were given an opportunity to provide detailed examples and patron testimonials about the importance of local libraries to their communities.

I've also included:

- An informational sheet created by the Adult Services Librarian, Jamie Hernandez, to share with aids and officials.
- Information documents prepared and researched by WLA, which was provided to all in attendance. The 3 documents(double sided) outline the benefits of Wisconsin Libraries, information on book challenges and using the library with a child. Please contact me if you have any questions about this information. My email is pcheckai@watertownpubliclibrary.org

Kind regards,

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