



**NAMI**

National Alliance on Mental Illness

**Dane  
County**

May 5, 2010

Liz Amundson, Librarian  
Madison Public Library  
201 W Mifflin St.  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Ms. Amundson:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Dane County Affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Dane County). It has come to our attention that the Madison Public Library is helping to launch Porchlight's Madison Cares Campaign, and as part of that effort, you have selected the publication *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music* by Steve Lopez, for the Community Read.

On any given day someone can go into the public library and learn something new, something unexpected. By drawing attention to a compelling story of one individual's challenge, we believe others may gain insight to what people with mental illness routinely face.

We sincerely hope this will be a successful and potentially new opportunity for connections to be made, awareness to occur and ultimately, greater understanding.

NAMI is dedicated to providing educational information regarding mental illness. While NAMI Dane County is successful at providing information and support, community outreach from the Madison Public Library brings information to a much broader audience.

Your decision to participate in this manner is profoundly important. We are very pleased to hear of these efforts and applaud your support for greater understanding of mental illness. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Le Anna Ware, President  
NAMI Dane County Board of Directors