

Dane County Library Standards

The Dane County Library Standards are in place to ensure that all Dane County Libraries maintain adequate collections so that each contributes its share to our county-wide sharing of books, media, etc.

Madison Public Library will be asking the Dane County Library Board for an exemption from the Dane County Library Standards for 2011. According to the standards a Library will submit by June 15th, a plan designed to bring the library into full compliance within the allowed time period. Libraries are notified by May 15 if out of compliance.

Our request for an exemption is based on one of the three factors allowed: significant library building projects affecting the library's ability to meet the standards.

After strenuously weeding the Central Library collection of little used or dated material in preparation for the move, the Library fell short of the 728,000 print volumes the Madison system is required to have for a population Madison's size. Madison Public Library had 709,486 volumes at the end of 2010.

The Dane County Library Board plans to revise the standards again this year. Madison Library staff will be working with the staff of other Dane County Libraries to develop the revised standards. The Madison Public Library Board may be voting on new standards by the end of this year or the beginning on next year.

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