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## Report to the Library Board February 4, 2008

### *New Business:*

#### Approval of the System Compliance Report

According to Wisconsin Statutes s. 43.58(6) (c), each year as part of the State Annual Report, Madison Public Library (as well as all other public libraries in the state) must sign a statement agreeing that their System, in our case the South Central Library System, provided effective leadership and adequately met the needs of MPL. At the same time, the Library Board must certify that MPL is in compliance with the requirements for public library system membership. Please see the compliance report, which is part of the State Annual Report, attached.

#### Approval of the Agreement with the Dane County Library Board

This annual contract delineates the requirements for receiving reimbursement for providing services to residents of Dane County who do not live in Madison. In exchange for providing library services to people who live in Dane County but don't pay the municipal library tax, Madison receives payment from DCLS based on usage. If you look at items 9 and 10 in the Agreement in your packet, you will see the reimbursement payments for services and facilities, which are based on 95% of costs of providing those services, according to the adopted 2007 Dane County Budget. MPL's payments are down from last year because of significant changes in usage on the southwest side. More Madison people are using the Verona library, as are people in Fitchburg who used to visit Meadowridge and Sequoya. The 2007 reimbursement payments come to \$601,524 -- \$101,057 less than the 2006 reimbursement payment.

#### Approval of a Resolution Revising Dane County Standards for Public Libraries

Also in your packet, you will find two documents relating to a revision of operational standards for libraries in Dane County. The "Resolution" refers to specific standards for libraries in municipalities of different sizes and are spelled out in the "Standards for Dane County Public Libraries" document. These standards have been updated and revised over the past several months, based on work by Julie Chase, Director, DCLS, and numerous discussions among Dane County library directors. The standards set a baseline for collections, hours, staff, Internet access workstations, etc., that libraries in Dane County need to meet in order to be exempt from the Dane County Library tax. Before the revised standards can be adopted by the County Board, they must be approved by at least 50% of the municipal library boards in Dane County representing 80% of the population residing in municipalities operating their own public libraries.

### *Library Facilities Planning Postponed*

The Board Planning meeting that was originally scheduled for Thursday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Robert's Rules of Order, adopted by City ordinance, do not allow the Library Board to meet as a subcommittee as a body of the whole, as we had planned, so beginning at our March meeting, Facilities Planning Development will be the last item on the regular Board monthly agenda. This will continue at the monthly meetings for as long as it takes for the Library Board to address the two major facilities planning issues:

- 1) Planning for future libraries in growing areas of Madison; and
- 2) Re-visiting the services and usage of our existing libraries to identify facility changes that need to be made (or not) due to changes in neighborhood demographics, current library usage, and user expectations.