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September 21, 2009

Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk  
Room 421 City County Building  
210 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear County Executive Falk,

We are writing to request that the Dane County Library Service 2010 budget be funded at the level requested by the Dane County Library Service Board.

All County library users benefit from the effective, efficient and long-standing cooperation between the Dane County Library Service and the municipal libraries in Dane County. This successful county-wide collaboration is jeopardized if funding for the Dane County Library Service is reduced.

Specifically, MPL is reimbursed for non-resident use per the DCLS reimbursement agreement. In order to avoid having the City of Madison support non-Madison residents use of Madison's libraries, this agreement needs to be maintained at 100% of actual costs for 2010. Similarly, the requested 3% increase for the shared DCLS delivery contracts with municipal libraries is necessary to continue to ensure cost-efficient delivery of shared items in Dane County, and maintain the levels of service that County and municipal residents have come to expect.

The Dane County Library Board's modest requested increase of \$2.00 per average household would also fully support important direct services to Dane County residents provided by the Dane County Library Service, including collections and outreach services, and would maintain the equity achieved last year that balanced the use by county library taxpayers with their contributions to library operating revenue as a whole.

We thank you for your past support of the strong and effective program of library services now available to residents in Dane County, and urge your continued support for 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore C. Widder, III".

Theodore C. Widder, III  
President, Madison Public Library Board

cc: Mayor Dave Cieslewicz  
Madison Common Council  
Dane County Supervisors representing Madison