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Sharon Hunter- MCPL Board President

Good morning,

It has come to the attention of Antigo Public Library and our Board of Trustees that Marathon County Public Library is looking to join South Central Library System. This is well within MCPLB's responsibility to care for the users of MCPL. What is not clear is why, and what criteria are being used, to make this decision.

There are some indications that MCPL has been looking to join South Central Library System by going through the minutes of the MCPLB over the past couple years, but so far there has been no open process or criteria as to how that decision is being made. Or at least none of which has been made public to Antigo Public Library/ Langlade County.

Since the minutes of the MCPL board have been opaque as to what is occurring, I'm writing on behalf of the Antigo Library Board of Trustees to request information as to why this move is being considered and what the criteria are for MCPLB to have chosen to possibly leave WVLS for SCLS. Specifically in regard to the decision-making process and how this decision will impact the other six counties which rely on MCPL as their resource library. As MCPL is the resource library for WVLS, of which Langlade County is a part, this change would radically alter library service to all residents of Langlade County as well as the other six counties within the WVLS system.

Because of the lack of open process and the potential impact to all residents within the WVLS system, we will continue to attend or monitor relevant MCPLB meetings until a clear and open process has been established. The latest minutes of MCPLB included one word at the end of the minutes; "Taskforce". But it did not indicate what this task force would be for. As I was in attendance at this meeting, I know that MCPL board member Katie Rosenberg made this motion in regard to MCPLB's process and that criteria be made open regarding this possible move.

I submitted a letter of support for WVLS services and questioning of MCPLB's process to move to SCLS at the September meeting of the MCLB which is included in this email and is included in the October 22 library board packet for APL along with this letter. Copies of both letters are also on file with WVLS.

Thank you for your time and leadership on this.

Dominic Frandrup - Director