



November 18, 2019

Marathon County Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
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**WVLS Comments (Under Public Comments)**

The WVLS Board President, Tom Bobrofsky shared the letter he received from Ralph Illick with the rest of the Board at their Board meeting this last Saturday. While I was pleased to see that MCPL did not have any service issues to bring to the WVLS Board's attention at this time, I could not help but think that, given the process this board is undergoing, there must be unaddressed issues – if not related to service, then what?

Given that continuing question on our part of “why”, I wish to remind this board that WVLS staff and two Marathon County representatives on the WVLS Board, Michael Otten and Sonja Ackerman, are willing to serve on the task force and to lend assistance in whatever manner is most helpful.

WVLS seeks to serve all member libraries in the best way possible and wants nothing more than to see our member libraries thrive and succeed in their respective communities. I am pleased to announce that WVLS was recently recognized for our efforts. Senator Petrowski attended the WVLS Board meeting on Saturday to acknowledge the dedication and devotion of the WVLS team to making Wisconsin public libraries accessible and responsive to the needs of all residents, particularly those using libraries in Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida and Taylor Counties. The legislative citation also stated that the WVLS team has promoted a bold vision for the future of library service in which innovation, collaboration and high standards of excellence are key components. Along with Senator Petrowski, the framed document was signed by Assembly Representatives Pat Snyder and John Spiros, and Governor Tony Evers.

Thank you for your time!

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