

Greenwood Public Library

A Place to Branch Out

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Dear MCPL Library System Task Force and MCPL Board:

My name is Joyce Rondorf, and I am the President of the Greenwood Public Library Board of Trustees. Greenwood Public Library is in Clark County. The library board and staff have the following concerns regarding Marathon County Public Library's consideration in joining South Central Library System.

If MCPL leaves WVLS, there will be significant loss:

- Loss for library patrons: access to materials from MCPL will take longer
- Loss for Clark County: maintaining local library services will be more costly
- Loss for WVLS: anticipated cuts to staff and resources/services currently offered
- Loss for WVLS member libraries
 - Staff cuts will mean less assistance for service in websites, technology, continuing education, training, consulting, marketing, youth services, literacy grants and more
 - Changing to a new resource library will cost the libraries in time and money

Given these tremendous losses, we are wondering what the reasons are for MCPL wanting to leave WVLS? Why would MCPL make such a big change when the state is in the middle of the Public Library Redesign Project?

Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Joyce Rondorf, President