

## JANUARY 2021 UPDATE TO MEMBERS

Colleagues and Friends,

At its January 25 meeting, the seven-member MCPL Board of Trustees struck down a motion for Marathon County to continue its membership in the Wisconsin Valley Library Service in a 3-4 vote. Votes to stay with WVLS were cast by Marathon County Supervisors **Gary Beastrom** and **Michelle Van Krey**, and **Kari Sweeney**, MCPL (resource library ) liaison to the WVLS Board. Dissenting votes were cast by MCPL Board President **Sharon Hunter**, and trustees **Scott Winch**, **Dino Corvino** and **Jeff Campo**.

The recommendation moves to the [Marathon County Extension, Education and Economic Development Committee](#) for further study. As I learn more about this unprecedented process, I will share details with you.

WI Statute 43.18 outlines the process for a county withdrawing from a library system. The earliest date Marathon County could withdraw is January 2022, following adoption by 2/3 vote of a resolution by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors at least 6 months prior to the close of the system's fiscal year.

### FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

The Marathon County Public Library System Exploration Information and Updates page on the [WVLS website](#). shares information about MCPL Task Force meetings since January 2020, including WVLS presentations to the MCPL Board prior to the task force process, responses to requested information by the Task Force and correspondence from the WVLS community. Anyone with an interest in the MCPL Task Force process and future of WVLS should take the time to read this information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Your feedback is always welcome.

Watch for another update soon!

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