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Paula Kiely  
Director  
Milwaukee Public Library  
814 West Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Paula,

On behalf of the Southwest Wisconsin Library System member library directors and staff and the SWLS Board of Trustees I would like to thank you for your visit to our beautiful corner of the state.

As you can see SWLS libraries, regardless of their size, are vibrant, well-used facilities that play a vital role in the well-being of their communities. No matter their size these libraries raise the bar of service for their patrons by being creative, inclusive, welcoming environments providing high quality service to people of all ages and backgrounds.

As the PLSR process enters the next phase SWLS libraries will continue to embrace the vision of equity for all libraries and library users statewide as the thirty libraries and branches in the five-county area that comprises the Southwest Wisconsin Library System continue to serve small, rural communities.

SWLS staff and trustees, as well as SWLS member library staff would like to voice their trust in the PLSR process and their confidence in the ability of the PLSR Steering Committee and workgroup members, as well as the WiLS project managers, as the group continues to develop a recommendation that includes equity for all public libraries and library users in the state.

Please share this letter and our continued support of the PLSR process with the steering committee, DPI liaisons, and the WiLS staff. We look forward to assist with the process in any way and extend an invitation to anyone involved in the process to visit SWLS libraries.

Sincerely,

_Roxane Bartelt_  
Interim Director  
Southwest Wisconsin Library System

_Bob Boyle_  
President, Board of Trustees  
Southwest Wisconsin Library System