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Library Planning Committee (LPC) Report to The Cottage Grove Village Board

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To the Village of Cottage Grove Board of Trustees:

This report from the Cottage Grove Library Planning Committee demonstrates that Cottage Grove residents show a high level of importance of and support for a local public library based on data from the Fall 2020 library survey. In addition, the report highlights library budget information, local patron library usage including Bookmobile data and a map of local Little Free Libraries.

Over this past year, the Library Planning Committee met with local experts, researched other public library campaigns in Dane County, and developed a ten-question survey to gather responses from people who live and work in the Cottage Grove community. Based on our findings, the Library Planning Committee recommends the Village Board request, in writing, an opinion from the Department of Public Instruction - Division for Libraries and Technology on the feasibility and desirability of establishing a new public library in the Village of Cottage Grove. This recommendation is supported by data reviewed from 816 household responses to our survey and 15 businesses interviewed regarding the importance of a library in our community. The following report outlines the findings in support of our recommendation.

The Library Planning Committee thanks you for your time and consideration. We hope you find this report helpful in the forward momentum of this project.

Sincerely,

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Purpose of This Report

The Library Planning Committee (LPC) will report the Cottage Grove residents' level of importance of and support for a local public library from the library survey. In addition, the committee will share researched library budget information, local patron library usage including Bookmobile data, and a map of local Little Free Libraries.

Outcome

Based on the survey and research information, the LPC request that the Village Board consider and approve the researching, writing and submission of a letter to the Department of Public Instruction - Division for Libraries and Technology, requesting their opinion on the **feasibility and desirability of establishing a new public library in the Village of Cottage Grove.**

Introduction

The task of the Library Planning Committee (LPC), as directed by the Village Board in November 2019, was to determine the level of support from community residents for a local, public library. The Village Trustees also wanted to know the approximate costs of building and operating a library. Lastly, they asked for information about current local library services, such as the Bookmobile and Little Free Libraries.

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Committee Structure and Members:

The Library Planning Committee was created on November 4, 2019. The committee met one to two times per month. Agendas and minutes were submitted to Village staff. The group consists of five Village residents: Melissa Ratcliff (committee chair and the Village Board representative), Tiffany Haas (Monona Grove School District faculty representative), Cindi Kelm-Nelson, David Peterson, and Anne Schoenemann (members-at-large).

Library Planning Committee (LPC) Timeline Overview and Milestones

Quarter Four 2019

The Library Planning Committee (LPC) was created by the Village Board and members were appointed to the LPC. The members met with the Dane County Library Services (DCLS) Director, Tracy Herold, regarding library services to Dane County libraries and Bookmobile information. The LPC also obtained and reviewed the state document from the Department of Public Instruction - Division for Libraries and Technology: *Establishment of a Legal, Public Library*. (See appendix 1) Finally, the committee spent many hours reading and learning about public libraries statutes, standards, and resources. (See appendix 2)

Quarter One 2020

LPC members met with the Madison Library Foundation, Tom Linfield, Vice President Community Impact. They toured the Madison Central Library with Madison Central Library Director, Greg Mickells. The LPC heard from Cottage Grove School librarian, Lucas Franklin. The committee worked with Mark Ibach, Consulting Services Coordinator at South Central Library System (SCLS) and Tracy Herold, Director of the Dane County Library Service (DCLS) to understand the capital and operating budgets as well as revenue sources.

Quarter Two 2020

LPC members completed a Little Free Library map. This document was submitted to the Cottage Grove Parks and Recreation Department to disseminate online. The LPC also reviewed the Bookmobile services and resources.

Quarter Three 2020

The committee developed the library survey and reviewed survey question items with outside resources. The household surveys were published online for responses from September 15, 2020 through October 15, 2020. Businesses were contacted for interviews regarding how a library in our community would impact their business.

Quarter Four 2020

The group completed the survey data analysis, wrote the report and created the PowerPoint presentation. The LPC presented their report, presentation, and recommendations to the Village Board on December 21, 2020.

Financials - Capital & Operating Expenses Overview

The Library Planning Committee reviewed projected capital campaign building and yearly operational costs with Dane County Library Services (DCLS) and South Central Library System (SCLS) staff. They looked at comparable municipalities with public libraries in Dane County.

The cost of building a library via a capital campaign is highly variable. The total building construction and initial library costs will be determined later based on community and residents' input regarding features, services, and desired space usage.

The annual operating expenses are determined by state statutes and county standards, size of the building, staffing wages/benefits, services provided, and hours of operation. **In 2019, Village residents paid over $273,481.10 in Dane County Library taxes for library services. Those funds went to other communities' libraries and the Dane County Library.** The Town of Cottage Grove residents paid $180,338.22 in Dane County Library taxes in 2019. A local library operating budget (See appendices 3 and 4) in Dane County is estimated at $500,000, and is dependent on the services provided, size of the building and operating hours.

According to the South Central Library System (See appendix 5), typical sources of Library operational funding include the following:

- Municipal Funding - Village annual budget
- Dane County Library Reimbursement - A formula determines municipal funding measured by card usage and user's residence plus operations and facilities budgets. This data is averaged over three years for yearly disbursement to all legal Dane County Libraries. (Tracy Herold, DCLS)
- Local Foundations - fundraising outside the library budget
- Grants - federal, state, or local
- Friends of the Library - fundraising outside the library budget
- Adjacent County Payments - for serving residents in adjacent counties to Dane County who live in communities without a public library (ss 43.12(2))

Other Library Resources in Cottage Grove (Bookmobile and Little Free Libraries)

The Dane County Library Bookmobile has come to the Village of Cottage Grove since 1966. The bus collection offers books, magazines, movies on DVD, and music and books on CD. The Bookmobile has Wi-Fi and residents can pick up holds and return items. It is currently scheduled to be in Cottage Grove 3 hours, one day a week. In non-COVID times, the Bookmobile is in Cottage Grove for 5 hours; 2 hours at Dublin Park and 3 hours at the Piggly Wiggly. This is the only time area residents can return materials while traveling in the Village. The Bookmobile is not handicapped accessible, but the staff is very willing to step off the bus to answer questions and fill requests. When requested, the Dane County Outreach Librarian provides resources to seniors and visits our local daycare facilities.

Currently, there are 949 library card holders with Cottage Grove addresses that use the Bookmobile. *The Dane County Library uses card usage data to determine this information. This does not include attendance in libraries for other uses, such as programs, small group study room usage and children's play areas*. Cottage Grove card usage at the Bookmobile has decreased between the years 2014-2018. (See appendix 6) There has been an increased card usage by Cottage

Grove residents at community libraries in Sun Prairie, Madison, and Monona. Interestingly, it takes approximately 25 minutes to leave the Village, drive to Pinney Branch Library in Madison and back, to pick up and return materials.

The original four Little Free Libraries (LFL) were purchased by the Friends of the Cottage Grove Library, Inc in the early 2000s. Local residents constructed and decorated the wooden structures. The Village of Cottage Grove installed and maintains these Little Free Libraries. There are many other LFLs set up by area residents. The LPC compiled a list of LFL locations and created a map (See appendix 7), posted online by the Cottage Grove Parks and Recreation Department.

Survey Methods

Survey questions were developed with the input of UW-Madison faculty, librarians, the DCLS director, SCLS representative, and directors of public libraries. The survey was approved on September 6, 2020 by the Cottage Grove Village Board. To ensure every Village household had the opportunity to provide feedback on the survey, approximately 2300 postcards (See appendix 8) were delivered to households; one member of each household was encouraged to complete the survey online. Residents could also call a Library Planning Committee member for assistance in taking the survey.

Additional outreach and promotion of the survey was done through Village email bulletins, local organization bulletins, emails to local community groups asking them to share the survey with their members, social media, and some phone canvassing. The Cottage Grove local cable station posted the survey introduction video. The video and survey were available in English and Spanish. Response emails (See appendix 9) were sent to all participants who requested updates after the survey closed.

Survey Respondent Demographics - Households and Residence Locations

(See appendices 10, 11, 12, and 14)
NOTE: Although the total number of participants is 816, the number of responses to each question may vary because participants occasionally did not answer a question.

Survey Question: Where do you live?

Village of Cottage Grove, WI:	81.23%	662
Town of Cottage Grove, WI:	16.44%	134
Other (write in):	2.33%	19

Total Responses: 815

Others resided in the following areas: Monona, Madison, Lake Mills, Cambridge, Sun Prairie, and individuals who work in Cottage Grove.

Survey Question: Please list the number of people who live in your household.

AGE RANGES	AVERAGE NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Under 5 years of age:	1	257	275
5-10 years of age:	1	373	331
11-14 years of age:	1	249	274
15-18 years of age:	1	228	240
19-65 years of age:	2	1,522	708
Over 65 years of age:	1	197	185

Total Responses: 816

Survey Question: How do you have access to the internet at your residence? Check all that apply

Internet Provider: 98.64%
Phone: 42.13%
I do not have access: 0.12%

Total Responses: 815

Survey Question: How important are each of the following library services to you (and your family)?

SERVICE	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	A LITTLE IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Borrowing materials such as books, devices, games, newspapers and magazines, DVDs, CDs etc...	45.80% 371	21.11% 171	10.49% 85	5.19% 42	17.41% 141	810
Research assistance from librarians to help find items	12.59% 104	17.21% 138	28.43% 228	16.08% 130	25.69% 206	806
Programs such as story time, summer reading, world language, hobbies, clubs, health/wellness, fitness	31.72% 258	22.76% 183	13.56% 109	11.94% 97	20.02% 161	808
Tech device assistance through classes and drop in help for all ages	14.91% 123	15.65% 126	23.85% 193	15.78% 127	29.81% 240	809
Wifi and Internet access	17.25% 141	15.25% 123	18.38% 147	14.37% 115	34.75% 278	804
Online library services including library websites, shared catalog, and research databases	32.67% 266	24.72% 199	16.89% 137	6.96% 56	18.76% 151	809
Access to use of photocopier, scanner, and digitizing equipment	14.84% 122	16.96% 136	22.82% 183	13.84% 112	31.55% 253	806

SERVICE	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	A LITTLE IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Home service, outreach, and special materials resources for people with disabilities	17.29% 142	16.54% 133	16.29% 131	14.68% 119	35.20% 283	808
Racial equity/social justice resources, seminars and trainings	26.03% 212	16.69% 134	18.18% 146	12.83% 104	26.28% 211	807
Cultural/historical events and interactive learning experiences	25.09% 205	24.84% 200	18.14% 146	10.31% 84	21.61% 174	809
Job search and training information plus career resources	14.55% 120	18.03% 145	17.79% 143	15.05% 122	34.58% 278	808
Collaboration with local schools, daycares and organizations	31.84% 258	23.22% 187	13.98% 112	7.62% 61	23.35% 187	805
Literacy programs for all ages	39.73% 322	22.17% 179	12.33% 99	6.10% 49	19.68% 158	807
Access to free e-books and audio books	43.67% 356	21.46% 173	12.16% 98	5.09% 41	17.62% 142	810

Survey Question: How important are each of the following library building spaces to you (and your family)?

Library Building Space	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	A LITTLE IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Small study rooms, work rooms and/or meeting rooms	18.83% 152	19.95% 161	20.81% 168	14.00% 113	26.39% 213	807
Quiet reading area	21.80% 178	24.81% 198	19.30% 154	9.02% 72	25.06% 200	802
Large, versatile community room	24.53% 200	25.16% 203	19.05% 153	8.84% 71	22.42% 180	807
Comfortable spaces in the library	31.21% 253	28.84% 232	14.73% 118	4.87% 39	20.35% 163	805
Children reading and play area	40.27% 326	18.83% 151	11.85% 96	6.23% 50	22.82% 183	806
Preteen and teen areas	29.25% 237	26.13% 209	13.88% 112	6.88% 55	23.88% 191	804
Computer stations throughout the library	25.44% 207	24.44% 196	20.20% 162	7.86% 64	22.07% 177	806
A workspace to be creative and innovative	21.65% 176	23.28% 186	20.78% 167	9.01% 72	25.28% 202	803
Outdoor patio and community garden	25.59% 208	23.10% 185	17.73% 142	9.11% 74	24.47% 196	804
Outdoor nature learning area	27.40% 223	23.29% 187	16.69% 134	7.97% 65	24.66% 198	807
Outdoor book and material drop off available 24/7	53.05% 430	18.06% 145	7.35% 59	4.23% 34	17.31% 139	807

Survey Question: Overall, how important are library services to you (and your family)?

- Extremely important: 47.65%
- Very important: 22.96%
- Somewhat important: 7.41%
- A little important: 5.56%
- Not at all important: 16.42%

Total Responses: 810

Survey Question: Overall, how important is a community library building to you (and your family)?

- Extremely important: 51.05%
- Very important: 17.88%
- Somewhat important: 6.91%
- A little important: 3.95%
- Not at all important: 20.22%

Total Responses: 811

Survey Question: How interested would you be in having a library building in Cottage Grove?

- Extremely interested: 58.18%
- Very interested: 12.67%
- Somewhat interested: 4.55%
- A little interested: 3.08%
- Not at all interested: 21.53%

Total Responses: 813

Business Interview Responses from Local Business Owners (See appendix 13)

In addition to the online survey for Cottage Grove residents, the LPC randomly selected 15 Cottage Grove businesses and interviewed them about their level of interest for a public library building in Cottage Grove. All businesses were in favor, many citing they would utilize library services as part of their business practices.

Business Industry	Can you give us an example of how your business might use a library and their services?	How could a library impact your business?	As a business owner, would you support the building of a physical library in the Village of Cottage Grove and why?	Do you have any questions or comments?
Advertising, Marketing, Writing	As a small business owner, I could see using the common space as a workspace when I need a change of scenery (I mainly work from home with COVID, or coffee shops when we're not in a pandemic!). I could also see the library as a business meeting space, as my meetings are typically just with one other person.	I'm always looking for new resources for business education. I love the idea of having a close-proximity library to have access to free educational materials like books, audio books, magazines, etc.	Of course! As a new writer/author, I'd love to have a place to sneak away and write. When it comes time to publish, what better place than our local library to help launch my book!	What are major oppositions from the community against building a library?
Youth and Adult Cheer	Possibly use space for meetings, send parents there while child n at the gym, possible collaboration program in fitness and reading, etc.	Depending upon the hours, it could be a place parents could go while children are attending practices/classes.	YES	n/a
Distillery	I could foresee us potentially using the common space. We all have children and sometimes we bring them with us and it would be a great outlet away from our business to keep them occupied whether it be a visit or checking out books for them.	Being that we are in a small growing community, anything that can attract a workforce as we grow is a positive to me. Especially a demographic interested in libraries/education.	I support the build of a physical library.	No questions at this time.

Business Industry	Can you give us an example of how your business might use a library and their services?	How could a library impact your business?	As a business owner, would you support the building of a physical library in the Village of Cottage Grove and why?	Do you have any questions or comments?
Daycare/4K Practitioner	KSLC: Taking COVID-19 out of the picture, things we would like would be story time, library activities, things like that. Dane county was coming here. We cannot transport toddlers, but we would like to get library services to come to us especially for the younger kids. Resources, (backyard bugs, STEM activities, weekly themes). **They would use library services to come to them	KSLC: Our business is families and children, so yes, a library would impact our business with the outreach to families and children. The library could do that. A good way for family to spend time together. For example, Sun prairie library is a great resource for the community. It is amazing that CG doesn't have a library.	YES!	No-but let us know if you need anything else.
Nonprofit	As a recruiter - research on companies and can't get all online. Need to look into other resources that a library would have. Articles on the company, history, background on executives. Sometimes you can't depend on what you read on the internet but stuff in articles or directories tend to be more accurate. Excellent resource for businesses. For Miracle League - Meeting space would help - having a place to go and meet with people, orientation meetings for new volunteers or parents or to recruit new families and volunteers. Meeting room would be very helpful	Will help him to get to the right people in organizations, decision makers and candidates. Need to know future plans are company, if attractive for candidate. Became too dependent on the internet and that info isn't always accurate. In 1988 depended on the library full time and in the last couple of years, found the library to be more accurate than just the internet. The Internet is opinionated, while the library has more factual resources.	Yes. Absolutely. Where he lives on the far west side of Madison, when he moved there it didn't have a library and now there is one down the street. The library had immediate demand and people that use it. A library is really good for retired people to go and read outside of home - newspapers, books. His wife goes online to reserve a book and direct to the nearest library and they contact her when it is there. Bill has talked with a developer in his area that indicated increased property values because of access to the library.	No questions. Just a comment that a library is a good resource when you need info that is accurate. He recently saw his grandkids in Colorado and their teachers require them to go to libraries to get info, instead of just getting stuff from the internet because library resources are better than the internet and not just sitting at home looking up stuff.

Business Industry	Can you give us an example of how your business might use a library and their services?	How could a library impact your business?	As a business owner, would you support the building of a physical library in the Village of Cottage Grove and why?	Do you have any questions or comments?
Senior Activity Center	This has interesting potential (about having a library in Cottage Grove). Recently Colonial Club ended their relationship with Marshall library - the first meal site in Marshal was in an older community building that was then sold and to prevent losing a meal site in Marshall, Diana, librarian of the Marshall library, said to bring meals to library and then she did programs after the lunch at the library. So colonial club delivered home delivered meals to the library instead of in individual homes. Diana retired recently and not enough interest from Marshall residents that made it worth continuing - and needed someone drive meals over to Marshall so didn't work. Sun Prairie Library also does things for older adults. Younger group of seniors that feel more comfortable saying going to library rather than senior center. Not a lot of collaborative stuff with Sun Prairie library other than share info such as library has senior programming coming up and vice versa. Their case management team could have office hours for a case manager in the CG library, not just in specific apartment complexes. Having a site in a public building allows for more outreach rather than just from whomever lives in that apartment complex. Potential site for Medicare Part D enrollment in the fall,	It will help us with just our basic outreach. Being able to have our newsletter in a facility like a library where people are coming in every day, where we can meet and get the word out to more people about what is available. Outreach piece is the biggest component.	Yes. I think people of every age, preschool to senior citizens, would benefit from a library. When I started with the Colonial Club, the library in Sun Prairie was relatively new, and I remember talking to the librarian at the time and she said the library was looking to encourage more participation, and now 13 years later, Sun Prairie library was looking at expansion or another branch - "if you build it, they will come."	None.

Business Industry	Can you give us an example of how your business might use a library and their services?	How could a library impact your business?	As a business owner, would you support the building of a physical library in the Village of Cottage Grove and why?	Do you have any questions or comments?
Childcare Center	Field trips for their kids to go to in the community. Older kids could walk there but the younger kids, they'd rent a van to take them there because it would be too far for little kids. Currently, Madison Public Library comes and does a story-time with activities with kids and would hope that the local library would do that instead. They'd have their kids take advantage of checking out books from the local library. They do not use the Bookmobile at all.	A library could bring more families to our community which would increase the need for my business as a daycare.	Yes. It'll be a great resource for our community to have - especially with as many children and families that live here.	None at this time but so excited for a library to be in Cottage Grove.
Yoga Studio	I might hold classes in the library.	A library could help my business by providing community space and offering resources for my students to use.	Yes I would. My main reason is to improve overall wellness as a community.	I thought we are going to have a library 15 years ago and I donated to the library. Why are we doing this survey? I believe our community needs a library especially for the kids. It is greatly needed and overdue plus a rec center.
Local Farm	Meeting room for a class on looming; Workshops to reach more people and have them be aware of the business. Would have been helpful in developing their website with librarian's help and resources rather than just relying on their children's availability to help with any issues that arose.	Inter-library loan - point customers to more resources on knitting, crocheting, looming, etc. Can check out resources by renting a book before specifically purchasing it and having it not be something that they want to keep.	Absolutely! From the standpoint of having educational access for children, families, students of all ages. Learning never ends. It's a resource for everyone in the community. Besides the educational aspect, the frosting on the cake are the meeting rooms, having periodicals, hard copies, places you can go and sit. Once we get past COVID-19, it can be a meeting place. And people with similar interests can meet in quieter atmosphere without going to bars or coffee shops that can be noisy. Good to have a public place for people to get out of social isolation.	Have supported the library in the past with book sales and being a lifetime member of Friends of Cottage Grove. Encourage everyone to support the library!

Business Industry	Can you give us an example of how your business might use a library and their services?	How could a library impact your business?	As a business owner, would you support the building of a physical library in the Village of Cottage Grove and why?	Do you have any questions or comments?
Recreational Sports	Meeting spaces. Volunteer opportunities for members and community members For their multi day tournaments, they usually have other events/annual meetings/training for executive boards because everyone is all in one spot and many times come from all over the country. Currently use Madison library services for community center aspects and volunteering opportunities, so would be good to use a local library instead.	Need additional meeting spaces for administrative duties. When they send out bids for their tournaments/events it is a bonus to have additional available meeting space for administrative duties as well as the hotels and restaurants, too. Community contact - a way to reach others in the community.	Yes. 1. A library is an essential part of any community - especially for his family because he has kids. He goes to the library in his community with his kids about 2x/week. 2. Doesn't know about the politics of town and village, but possible that some of the central and cooperative development over the years resulted due to inability to come together over something real and positive (like a library) rather than in abstract. Village has done a good job with growth and a library is an essential part of growth as a community. He was surprised there wasn't one here already. People love living in Cottage Grove and young couples move there. 3. A library built with public and private funds establishes public good as a site in the community for philanthropic work. Once it is established, hopefully, that the fundraising for the library went well, then the village will have experience in fundraising and a list of donors that will be the foundation for further development projects in community - public and private ventures or just private ventures - for additional educational programming and larger projects in community. Libraries are designed to provide a service to a community which makes them functional for the community.	Questions about the process going forward and the past attempt - which were answered. Jeremy is super excited and wants to help any way he can. He wants to be made aware of when the presentation is in December so he can show support for the library then, too.

Business Industry	Can you give us an example of how your business might use a library and their services?	How could a library impact your business?	As a business owner, would you support the building of a physical library in the Village of Cottage Grove and why?	Do you have any questions or comments?
Financial Advisor	We would potentially use multi-purpose rooms to host client events. We hold educational events that would be a good fit to host there.	I am not sure how much a library would impact my business. However, a community facility that has space for youth education and programs, senior programs, and adult education would be extremely beneficial to the community and would offer great opportunities for our customers.	Yes, however I would prefer to see a building that serves many needs of the community as mentioned above and could also contain a library. This would expand the user groups as well as offer potential for public-private partnership to build and sustain the facility.	I believe a community center would serve the highest number of cottage grove residents and generate support. Several potential user groups would benefit. A library could be part of the community center.
Yoga and Wellness Studio	Libraries are wonderful community spaces. I would offer a Chair Yoga Program, as well as other educational series/workshops - mindfulness and meditation for example. Targeting retired individuals, as well as underserved populations and children (storybook yoga) is a great way to build relationships between businesses like mine and the community. I have worked with other libraries in similar capacities with much success.	Community connections! The services I offer are valuable to everyone, but even with the most open and welcoming space, many have preconceived ideas or poor past experiences with yoga elsewhere. I take yoga out of the studio whenever I can (into local businesses for example) to meet people where they are in a neutral and comfortable place for them. A library is a warm and familiar place for most which will allow them to try new things outside of their comfort zones.	Yes! Libraries are community-building gathering spaces. They offer services that many need and don't have access to - we need that in CG. The dynamics between the village and town are often negative. The Parks & Rec undermines local businesses by offering programs that undercut and undervalue our businesses and the Chamber struggles and works hard to build bridges among all these groups. I'm hopeful a library could help to blur the lines within our community.	I really hope that this process can move forward and come to fruition soon. Once it is safe for people to be together, we are going to need it more than ever.
Pharmacy	Small meeting spaces. Med D searches, medication talks.	Allow us an opportunity to have a meeting space	Yes	Cost?
Auto Sales	If it was a public library that customers could use. Customers would have a place to go and hang out	With having a library, the more we make this a town that people can stay in, the more things that can happen and benefit our town	we would. Anything that is done in CG will support our business	no questions. supportive of property taxes going up if it helps the people of cg and keeps people in cg
Pharmacy	Use of the large meeting spaces	Keep more people local.	yes, keep people here in the village	no

Conclusion and Recommendations

These findings, which demonstrate a strong level of interest from community members and local businesses alike, present a clear recommendation. Based on the results of all the research, the Library Planning Committee recommends researching, writing, and submitting the required documents to the Department of Public Instruction - Division of Libraries and Technology requesting an opinion on the **feasibility and desirability of establishing a new public library in the Village of Cottage Grove.**

The Library Planning Committee thanks the Village Board and Administration for their time and consideration of the needs and wants of the residents in Cottage Grove about a future public library in our community.