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Madison Public Library

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June 15, 2023

Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Madison County Library System, our patrons and communities, I thank you for your continued support of our libraries.

MCLS is committed to our mission to serve all members of our communities. Our libraries continue to provide outstanding and innovative services to meet the ever changing needs of our patrons.

Madison County Library System is once again excited to bring our Summer Reading Program to the youth of Madison County. Each year thousands of youth throughout Madison county attend educational and entertaining programs, while checking out and reading thousands of books. This year we celebrate "All Together Now: Summer of Reading 2023" which combines the joy of reading and storytelling with an appreciation for community and kindness. We challenge our patrons to 100 Days of Togetherness and Reading. Studies show summer reading programs help to preserve reading skills and prevent the "summer slide". Our goal is to emphasize the importance of reading as an everyday life skill and as a source of information, enjoyment and culture while creating a community of readers. We challenge all of our participants to take the time to read mindfully each day. Have you accepted the challenge?

Our bookmobile brings the library to the community, serving those with limited access. In addition to schools, retirement communities, nursing homes, summer programs and community events, the bookmobile currently services a dozen Little Free Libraries installed throughout the county. Storytime in the Shade, initiated by our bookmobile last year, returns to bring our summer reading program to community parks and events, meeting our youth where they are.

In July, MCLS will again partner with Canton Tourism and the Mississippi Film Office to host the annual Canton Young Filmmakers Workshop. Talented youth from across the state and beyond will spend two intensive weeks at the library learning the ins and outs of filmmaking from story concept and script writing to acting and filming to final editing. The young filmmakers will then debut their movies for family and friends at our Red Carpet Event.

This summer, MCLS will expand our teen and makerspace areas to all five branches as well as our Learning Resource Centers. We are proud to provide a safe and welcoming space for our youth and uplift our special needs communities. Each of these technology and STEAM oriented projects is responsive to the needs of our communities and made possible by LSTA grants.

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With your continued support, we look forward to continuing our mission to serve our communities and to reflect those communities through programming and services. Attached is the MCLS 2022-2023 fiscal year budget request which represents a less than 1/10 mill increase. The library has not had an increase in millage since it was reduced during the years 2006-2010 from 1.16 to the current level of 1.07. We ask for this increase to ensure the sustainability of our projects, to continue bringing innovative services to our patrons, and to meet staffing needs. We respectfully ask you to allocate total funding in millage and/or additional dedicated funds at the level requested.

Finally, a respectful reminder that our Canton library is in need of capital improvement maintenance. The carpeting in the children's area needs to be replaced as it is severely worn and has suffered damage due to flooding from the plumbing. Additionally, the chillers in the HVAC system need to be replaced. We ask that additional money be allocated specifically for both of these maintenance issues.

Thank you for your consideration. I am always available to answer any questions you may have about the Madison County Library System.

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Madison County Library System
2023-2024 Budget Request

2023-2024

SALARIES	\$ 1,393,800.00
SOC. SEC. & RET.	\$ 385,331.00
AUDIT	\$ 8,500.00
AUTOMATION EXPENSE	\$ 16,500.00
AUTOMOBILE EXPENSE	\$ 10,000.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$ 25,000.00
DUES - PROFESSIONAL	\$ 2,500.00
FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 20,000.00
INSURANCE	\$ 46,500.00
LIBRARY PROGRAMS/ADULT	\$ 10,000.00
LIBRARY PROGRAMS/SR&YOUTH	\$ 20,000.00
LIBRARY PROGRAMS/SP. NEEDS/OUTREACH	\$ 1,500.00
MATERIALS (BOOKS, DVDS, ETC.)	\$ 270,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 40,000.00
OTHER OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 5,000.00
OUTSIDE SERVICES & FEES	\$ 20,000.00
POSTAGE	\$ 5,000.00
PR/Promotional Items	\$ 2,000.00
ILS MAINTENANCE	\$ 27,000.00
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 2,500.00
SUPPLIES - JANITORIAL	\$ 7,000.00
SUPPLIES - TECH SERVICES	\$ 4,500.00
TELECOMMUNICATION - DATA/TELEPHONE	\$ 14,500.00
TRAVEL & STAFF TRAINING	\$ 10,000.00
UTILITIES / CAMDEN	\$ 15,000.00
UTILITIES / CANTON	\$ 72,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,434,131.00
OPERATING BUDGET	
AUDITORIUM USE FEES	\$ 500.00
CITY OF CANTON	\$ 107,000.00
CITY OF MADISON	\$ 105,000.00
CITY OF RIDGELAND	\$ 110,000.00
TOWN OF FLORA	\$ 1,200.00
COPY AND FAX REVENUE	\$ 40,000.00
MADISON COUNTY	\$ 1,957,500.00
PERSONNEL GRANT	\$ 112,931.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,434,131.00

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