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The Library has been asked to prepare an impact statement assuming a 3% reduction to our proposed FY26 Budget. A 3% reduction to the Library FY26 Budget equates to a cut of ~\$70,000. Such a cut will have a significant impact on library services. The proposed reduction will have an immediate impact on operating hours, as well as cuts to our collections and services.

In addition, this reduction would drop the Library's budget below the state minimum standard to qualify for State Aid. In FY25, the Library expects to receive ~\$71,000 in state money. The proposed budget reduction would jeopardize this money, and create a further reduction in our services, creating a **net cut of ~\$141,000**.

To meet the reduction in allocation we will:

- Eliminate all current overtime situations, including:
 - Eliminate Sunday Hours **(\$23,000)**
 - This will limit Library services to six days a week
 - Loss of 96 operating hours annually (24 weeks)
 - Loss of ~9,500 items circulated annually
 - Loss of programming and meeting space use
 - Eliminate Summer Saturday Hours **(\$15,500)**
 - This will limit Library services to five days a week during July & August
 - Loss of 80 operating hours annually (8 weeks)
 - Loss of ~7,500 items circulated annually
 - Loss of programming and meeting space
 - **These reductions will greatly limit opportunities for individuals and families to visit the Library outside of the work week**
- Reduction to Books & Materials budget **(\$31,500)**
 - This will drop the Library below the state minimum required spending to receive state aid
 - This will reduce the book budget at a time when the shift to digital content is increasing overall materials costs
 - Decrease in print and digital holdings
 - Decrease in print and digital usage
 - Elimination of some digital services

As stated in the introductory paragraph, the reductions listed above will greatly impact our residents' ability to utilize Library services. While these reductions will allow the Library to maintain a coherent and workable budget and to maintain staffing levels, these are painful cuts and will be seen as such by the Library's patrons. In particular, the loss of Sunday hours will adversely impact the many families that find that the only day to enjoy the Library and its many resources as a family. The reductions will

adversely impact when people can use the Library, and what programs and materials will be available to them.

Submitted by,

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