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FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 8:19 AM
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Subject: RE: Library mill levy

Hi Sandra – Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 2 of the 12/20/22 Special Work Session.

Thank you,

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Thank you for time tonight at the work session. I wanted to add a few words to my support of the library mill levy.

After I listened to the information on the safety levy, I thought about the number of cases compared to other cities and how they might be reduced if we had a better library open more hours. How would that work?

If teens have a safe and interesting place to gather, they are not on the street. If younger children have a chance to learn to read and be successful in school, they are much less likely to encounter the criminal justice system in the future. If families have places and activities they can do together, they are more cohesive and function better as a family, again reducing the chance of criminal justice system engagement.

Lastly, libraries are a great opportunity for individuals and families to meet, get to know and learn from each other; decreasing the civil separation so common in today's world. Libraries can serve as a uniting force to bring our community together. Whatever we can do to strengthen our library, we should do.

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