

Hayward Library Foundation, Ltd. P.O. Box 1303 Hayward, WI 54843

Dear Friends of this Beautiful Northwoods Area:

While the unparalleled natural resources of this area—the water, the woods, the wildlife, and the four-season display—gives us respite and inspiration, the Sherman and Ruth Weiss Community Library provides a bridge to the thoughts and ideas of the past, as well as of the future. With its public internet stations and wi-fi, more than 35,000 books in print and access to thousands, educational toys and games, and year round programs for children and adults, it is the heartbeat of the area.

Yet, as much as it benefits each of us, it is underfunded and will be forced to make painful changes and reductions unless this deficiency is corrected. Each day the library is filled with seasonal and year-round residents who come for one of the services provided, or to mingle with other community members. And while Sawyer County taxpayers do share in the library operating expenses—about 43 percent in 2017—the rest must come from funds donated in excess of actual building costs from 10 years ago. Unfortunately, in three to four years, this surplus will be exhausted.

We are reaching out to you to create an endowment of \$2 million by the year 2020 which will generate earnings adequate to make up this deficiency and keep this vital resource open and viable. The “Bridge to the Future” campaign will require commitment and sacrifice. The Hayward Library Foundation, a 401c (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to this single purpose, needs your help.

We ask for your monetary support in this undertaking. Any amount will be part of the legacy to ensure the sustainability of this beloved library and its associated programs and services. A donation form and envelope is enclosed.

Help us to make this campaign a success and ensure that the Hayward Community Library remains the heartbeat of the area for generations to come. If you have any questions, please contact us by email at haywardlibraryfoundation@gmail.com, or by contacting any member of the HLF Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Tom Burgess

President