

March 27, 2023

Dear Denise,

I would like you, The Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of The Library officers to consider the following proposal:

In lieu of the high school scholarship that I have been giving since 2015, I would like to offer a "partial reimbursement" to an employee of The Brownsburg Public Library who is taking graduate classes in Library Science. I know in the past The Library was able to pay for employees to take classes but as many other benefits in today's world, the cost has just become prohibitive. And I did feel that The Library benefited greatly from the knowledge received.

I would make a donation to The Friends of The Library and ask The Friends to consider matching my donation to make the employee's portion less. I do feel that it is important that the employee share in the cost as I think it will have more value if the student has a vested interest in their education.

Currently, the cost per hour for a graduate class is \$478 and most classes are 3 hours so a class would cost around \$1,434. Plus, the additional fees for technology repair and rehabilitation, and a General Fee. I would estimate that the total fee for one class would be \$1,654.58.

My thoughts were:

I would donate \$1,500 a year from my Scholarship Fund,

I would ask that The Friends of The Library match my donation allowing a student to receive partial reimbursement for two classes a year.

I would suggest that the student be required to "prove" that they received a B or better to receive reimbursement.

And I would suggest that the employee be required to repay the reimbursement if they leave the employment of The Brownsburg Public Library less than 6 months after taking the class.

The Brownsburg Public Library will always be dear to me and I would like to do something to help educate library staff. I know how difficult it was for me when I was taking classes to come up with the money each semester. So please consider my idea

Thank you for considering this.

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