

STATEMENT CONCERNING SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS

The statutory basis for the "Statement Concerning System Effectiveness" in the public library annual report is from Wis. Stat. s. 43.58(6)(c) as follows:

"The report to the division shall contain a statement by the library board indicating whether the public library system in which the library participated during the year of the report did or did not provide effective leadership and adequately meet the needs of the library and an explanation of why the library board believes so. The division shall design the form of the statement so that it may be removed from the report and forwarded to the division before it is sent to the public library system."

Indicate on the provided statement that the public library system either did or did not provide effective leadership and adequately meet the needs of the library. *The library board must approve this statement.* The decision about whether the library system did or did not provide effective leadership and adequately meet the needs of the library should be made in the context of the public library system's statutory responsibilities and the funding which it has available to meet those responsibilities. If the library board chooses to submit a negative response, you must provide an explanation of the library board's decision in the space provided.

With the approval of the library board, this statement may be submitted separately to DPI from the report sent to your library system. Select from the dropdown menu "Not indicating online; will send statement to DPI" from the pull-down menu. With the signature of the library board president, submit the system effectiveness statement document as an e-mail attachment to LibraryReport@dpi.wi.gov. The statement page does not need to be forwarded to your library system with your annual report. However, as a public document, the separate paper statement will be provided upon request to your public library system or others. System effectiveness forms are due by the same date as the annual report.

Division staff will compile the statements received for each library system. As required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.05(14), the Division will conduct a review of a public library system if at least 30% of the libraries in participating municipalities, that include at least 30% of the population of all participating municipalities, report that the public library system did not adequately meet the needs of the library.

Did the library system provide effective leadership and adequately meet the needs of the library?

Comments or explanation of the Board's response: