

2019 Statement of Effectiveness (for the 2018 report)

The West Allis Public Library Board of Trustees understands that as part of being members of a cooperative venture, sacrifices are sometimes required. However, over a prolonged period of time, the West Allis Public Library carried, and continues to carry, an inequitable burden of serving a large number of non-residents; both in-house as well as through delivery service. Being fully cognizant of the Public Library Redesign Project currently taking place, the West Allis Public Library Board of Trustees continues to support the following precepts as a member of the Milwaukee County Federated Library System:

1. Local control and autonomy for our Library within the system model
2. An increased and more equitable reciprocal borrowing rate that supports the increased workload incurred by well-funded system libraries like the West Allis Public Library
3. A model where all system libraries are funded by their municipalities at a level that fully supports its community and service population. Further, the West Allis Public Library Board of Trustees resists any attempt to consolidate public library services within the current or redesigned library system model (county or regional)