The League of Women Voters of Appleton over a two-year period studied the Appleton Public Library from the point of view of what a library should be to meet the needs of this community in the 21st century.

The League of Women Voters of Appleton gathered and studied materials relating to modern libraries and libraries of the future, reviewed the physical space of the Appleton Public library, joined in on the community conversations about our local library, took field trips to libraries in other towns and cities, and listened to expert speakers in the field. Consensus was reached allowing advocacy to promote a library that will meet the needs of the 20 century.

The League appreciates the diligent work of the Library Board of Directors and Library Director Rortvedt in their pursuit of reliable information and community input in their decision making. Their work involved many months of study and analysis.

The League highly appreciates the deliberate transparency of the process. The time and effort given to disseminate information to the public is commendable.

The studies are completed, the Library Board and Director Rortvedt following their intensive study and analysis have made their recommendation. It is time to move forward and get our library built to meet the needs of this community for the 21st century.

The Library Study Committee (or The League of Women Voters??) supports the recommendations of the Library Board.

Committee: Miriam Douglass, Chair, Shirley Strange, Jan Quinlan, Barbara Kelly, Carolyn Mewhorter, Sue Silton, ??????correct....missing anyone??????

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Hi Shirley,

Your overview is excellent, as always! I would suggest that at the end of paragraph 2 we say that consensus was reached allowing advocacy for ...; then at the end a statement that we support the recommendations of the library board.

I'm in Puerto Rico until Sunday and can revisit this next week. Thanks for your diligence! Miriam