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**Statement Regarding Closing Milwaukee Public Library Locations  
In 2010**

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) issues the following statement in response to the news conference held by Aldermen Bob Donovan and Joe Dudzik on April 30, 2009 at the Zablocki Library:

From Library Director Paula Kiely:

Both Mayor Tom Barrett and Common Council President Willie Hines have encouraged the Milwaukee Public Library to examine many different ways to provide the best library service and products to the residents of Milwaukee, while at the same time identifying efficiencies of service going forward in tight budgetary times.

To that end, the MPL Board of Trustees has established a Strategy Committee to look at various ways to accomplish this mission. Long-range planning is under way considering all library facilities, and many different options are being studied. No decisions have been made for 2010.

We remain committed to providing the best library service for the City of Milwaukee that its citizens can afford.

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