

## **Amanda Baryenbruch**

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Dear Mayor Nickels and Manitowoc Common Council:

I respectfully request Mayor Nickels appoint Aaron Erdmann and Gregg Wolf to the Manitowoc Library Board to fill the two seats of current members whose terms will expire on June 1<sup>st</sup>. I also request the members of the City Council approve of these appointments.

The seats on the library board up for reappointment this spring need to be filled by NEW people who are not professional educators or administrators. The library board consists of 11 members. Over half of the members serving right now are active or retired educators or administrators. Mr. Erdmann's professional skills in accounting and military background would be a great asset to the board. As a respected businessman, Mr. Wolf's involvement in other community activities would bring a different perspective to the board.

Twenty one years, over 7500 days, is how long a current appointee has served on the Manitowoc Library Board of Directors. City appointed, and therefore unelected members of any board or committee serving over 20 years is a problem.

Diversity is a word often used today. Let's have some on the Library Board.

Thank you for doing what is best for our city and library by appointing and approving the appointment of Aaron Erdmann and Gregg Wolf.

Sincerely:

Horst Abel

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