

Buchanan County Supervisors
Box 317
Independence, IA 50644

(date)

Dear Buchanan County Supervisors,

As a rural Buchanan County library patron, I would like to express my support for the budget proposal being submitted by the library directors of Buchanan County for an increase to \$14.25 per person or a total of \$116,950 for six libraries.

The library is important to me because *(explain your reasons...could be because it improves your quality of life to have access to books, ebooks, computers, audiobooks, online databases, or DVDs. Could be that it helps you connect with people with the programs, study rooms, and meeting room. Another possibility is that it helps to promote and encourage literacy in your home. There are endless possibilities...write how it makes a difference in your life)*

The _____ Public Library is an integral part of the community. The library provides us with relevant resources that are constantly changing in our technologically mobile world; with opportunities for all ages to learn, grow, and explore; and with a neutral space that enables people to connect with one another.

I am grateful for the funds provided; however, the needs of public libraries are great in this digital era and the libraries need to have an improved level of funding. Please help the county libraries to maintain their place as strong assets to our county and the quality of life of our residents by funding them at the level requested. Without the proposed increase, our libraries will have staffing difficulties, will not be able to replace computers that need to be updated, and the relevance of the materials available for checkout will decrease.

Sincerely,