



# Decatur Public Library

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Lee Ann Fisher • City Librarian

March 13, 2009

Steven Luker  
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Dear Mr. Luker:

Every year the magazine collection is evaluated by not only the selector but by the division head and myself. Every magazine is added or deleted based on patron demands or needs. After much consideration, *Paris Match* and *Der Spiegel* were withdrawn from the library for lack of demand and for their expense.

In response to your other question, plans are moving ahead with the renovation work of the Library Annex. Just because you can't see what is going on doesn't mean nothing is going on.

As to the gifted center, that is out of the library's hands and in the school board's, who is in the process of raising money for the project. The library board has met with the school board to discuss the project and you were at that meeting.

The library cannot offer Sunday hours all year round due to the current union contract we are operating under. The library board worked very hard to get Sunday hours in that contract and did manage to get two extra months a year from the previous contract. We are now open nine months out of the year instead of seven.

The Decatur Public Library at this time has no intention of discontinuing its bookmobile service, and ability to change locations allows us to be flexible in serving the needs of people who aren't able to get to the main library.

Thank you for your concerns. I have, as you requested, put your name on the agenda of the next board meeting on Thursday, March 19, at 4:30 pm.

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March 1st, 2009

Dear LeeAnn Fisher,

It has come to my attention that the library has discontinued subscriptions to the magazines Paris Match and Der Spiegel. I find it appalling that the library has no foreign languages magazines from the leading publications of France and Germany.

If this decision is not reversed by you, I would like to speak to the library board of trustees during its next scheduled meeting on March 19, 2009 during its public comments period.

I have several issues I would like to bring to the Board's attention. I question how the library can be cutting services while it gave you a hefty pay increase last year? Why has <sup>the</sup> library been unable to move ahead with the former village mall and the proposed school on the second floor? Why does the library not offer Sunday hours the entire year