

At the December 7, 2021 meeting of the Clear Lake Public Library Board of Trustees, I was asked to investigate the possibility of offering Saturday hours because Marci Meyer expressed that people were asking for them.

The following are the results of my investigation:

- Karla, Pam, and I have had none of our patrons ask for Saturday hours. In fact, we get a lot of positive feedback for our early morning hours and late evening hours.
- We asked our patrons if they needed Saturday hours and no one has said yes. This also includes the Amery Public Library patrons that are using us since the Amery Public Library is closed.
- No one expressing the need for Saturday hours to Marci has contacted us even though we are available by snail mail, phone, e-mail, Facebook, and in person.
- Marie Bannink asked her school contacts if they needed Saturday hours and no one said yes. They told her they were happy with the late hours
- I discussed being open with Al Bannink, the Village Clerk, and the person responsible for the Municipal Building of which the Library is a part of. He has some concerns: The library employee would be alone in the building. No Village worker is scheduled. If there should be a snowfall, the library employee would be responsible for shoveling the sidewalk to the entrance. Due to age and health issues, this does not seem to be a good idea.
- I discussed being open with Tim Strobusch, Village Police Chief, and the person responsible for the safety and the security of the Municipal Building. He has some concerns: The library employee would be alone in the building. No Police Officer is on duty. This is a change from when the library was open on Saturdays.
- Marie followed up with Al and Tim and they recommended to her that we do not open on Saturdays.
- Pam is under medical care and is very limited in what she can do. She cannot work alone.
- Karla is under medical care and she cannot be alone in the building.
- I was able to get some information from IFLS regarding what other libraries are doing:

Closed on Saturdays: Bruce, Glenwood City, Hawkins (also closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday), Osceola, Plum City (also closed on Monday), Stanley

Open Saturdays in June, July, August: Phillips, Fairchild

Closed other days of the week to be open on Saturdays: Amery (Friday), Deer Park (Monday), Hammond (Monday), Ogema (Monday), Pepin (Friday), Sand Creek (Tuesday, Thursday)

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