

To Whom It May Concern

The information concerning the recent Lyon Township Library millage request requires clarification. At no time has the Salem-South Lyon District Library Board of Trustees made any determination about joining with Lyon Township. The law requires that for Lyon Township to join our library their community (Lyon Township) would be required to approve our current millages of approximately 1.6 mills. Trustees are elected from the district at large and are not appointed. The decision not to pursue this option was made by Lyon Township Public Library trustees. In an email dated, October 3, 2016 Mary Pat Freund wrote, "Based on the fact that Lyon Township voters turned down a request for a lesser millage of 1.585 on August 2, and considering that the location of the Salem South Lyon District library is not central to most of the Lyon Township residents, the Lyon Township Library Board has decided it is not in our best interest to join the Salem South Lyon District Library."

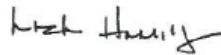
Another point which needs clarification is the statement that the Salem-South Lyon District Library is planning additional space for the children and youth area, and requires an additional millage to do so. Due to sound long range financial planning this addition will be done without the need for any additional millage. It is part of our 20 year long range facility master plan.

We believe that a library is an critical asset to any community, it is the great information equalizer. We wish Lyon Township and its residents our best as they seek a long term solution to library services in their community.

Respectfully,



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