



To: Library Board

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Re: Wauwatosa Public Library Foundation Support Request:

Purpose/Need

Cover One book binding machine and supplies

Background

We circulate many books and there is wear and tear on the binding. Publishers do not always reinforce the bindings enough for library use. Books also get damaged when returned in the book drop. Many large books, especially art and cookbooks, only check out a few times, and then the pages start to separate from the binding. These books are difficult to fix with tape or book glue, as the pages tend to be heavy and then just come off the binding again. In the past, we did use a bookbinder in Madison. This was costly, we had to have a minimum number of books, and they only came to pick-up and drop off twice a year.

A Cover One book repair machine repairs the books for about 50 cents apiece. You place a glue strip in the binding, heat up the book for a few minutes, and then let it cool. The machine will accept up to 3" wide, so most of the time you can put two books in at a time. Then it takes about 10 minutes to cool. The book is now firmly glued together and is ready for more library use.

Project Costs

Cover One machine: \$1,800.00



200 Glue Strips: \$700.00

Project total: \$2,500.00

Recommendation

A motion for the Library Board to approve submitting the proposal to the Wauwatosa Public Library Foundation Board for consideration.