

**To: Library Board**

**Fr: Abby Bussen, Children’s Library Supervisor**

**May 20, 2026**

**Re: Wauwatosa Public Library Foundation Support Request: Early learning play kitchen set**

**Purpose/Need**

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A replacement kitchen for the early learning play space.

**Background**

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The beautiful wood kitchen, hand-built by the brother-in-law of a member of our Health Department and donated with love, has reached the end of its lifespan. It has been played with and loved on by thousands of Wauwatosa kids and we are grateful for its years of service to our community. Unfortunately and despite our efforts to nail, screw, and glue it together, it is falling apart. We propose replacing this highly used imaginative play piece with a high-quality, durable Jonti-Craft kitchen set. Jonti-Craft creates pieces for childcare facilities and schools, sends their pieces fully assembled, and each piece comes with a lifetime warranty. These preschool-sized pieces have kid-safe hinges and rounded edges to keep all of our young patrons safe while they enjoy our early learning play space. Having purchased this exact set at a previous library over ten years ago, I can say with confidence it will be able to endure the heavy use it will see here. The set at that library is still being used and loved by the kiddos there. This play kitchen set will be able to move with us into a renovated library space.

**Project Costs**

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	Individual cost	Items Needed	Cost
4pc Jonti-Craft Kitchen Set	\$2,047.99	1	\$2,047.99



**Project total: \$2,047.99**

## **Recommendation**

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