

**To: Library Board**  
**Fr: Abby Bussen, Children’s Library Supervisor**  
**April 16, 2025**  
**Re: Wauwatosa Public Library Foundation Support Request: Children’s Library Play & Learn Space Soft Seating**

**Purpose/Need**

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Soft seating (to replace two chairs near reference desk, round preschool sized tables and chairs) for families in the Children’s Library Play & Learn space.

**Background**

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The 2025 Action Plan set the objective for the Library staff to add task tables and lounge seating to the Children’s Library. The requested soft seating includes a double-sided couch that can seat up to six. This will replace the two chairs that are just past the Children’s reference desk and will allow more children and caregivers to sit together while reading and enjoying books in the Library. The requested soft curved bench and flock ottomans will replace the round table and short chairs as well as the single chair on the right side of the Play & Learn space. This seating arrangement creates more space for children and caregivers to read comfortably together while also allowing adults to sit in furniture that is more appropriately sized for them rather than in the 14” chairs that are currently in the space. The requested soft ottoman arrangement will replace the round table and short chairs as well as the single chair on the left side of the Play & Learn space. This seating arrangement offers the same benefits as the curved bench and flock ottoman arrangement. Quote from EBI. Colors of furniture are not indicative of colors we are selecting.

**Project Costs**

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	Individual cost	Needed	Total Cost
HON SoCo Couch Seating	\$4550.08	1	\$4550.08



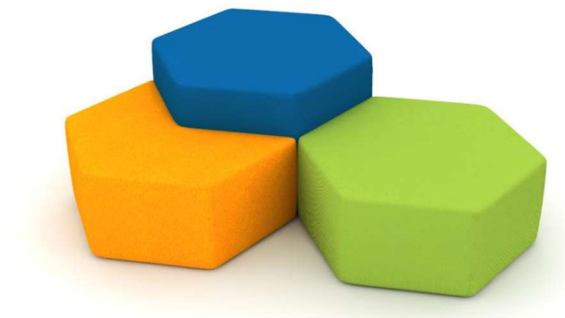
HON SoCo Curved Bench	\$977.04	2	\$1954.08
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HON Flock Ottomans	\$347.86	2	\$695.72
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HON Tangram Ottoman Arrangement	\$1452.34	1	\$1452.34
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<b>Project total:</b>	<b>\$8652.22</b>		
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#### **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.