



**To: Library Board**

**Fr: Abby Bussen**

**October 15, 2025**

**Re: Wauwatosa Public Library Funding Request: Adjustable OPAC Stands**

### **Purpose/Need**

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Wall-mounted, height adjustable stands to spread out our online public access catalog (OPAC) stations in the Children's Library.

### **Background**

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We currently have four OPAC stations in the Children's Library, located directly across from the reference desk. These computers sit on two bulky pieces of furniture that take up a very large footprint, impeding the natural flow of traffic in the space. While touring the renovated Appleton Public Library, the Wauwatosa Public Library Management Team noted that they had clever, ergonomic OPAC stations that were wall- or end-of-range-mounted and height adjustable, making them accessible and ADA friendly. Based on Appleton's enthusiastic recommendation, we're requesting funding to purchase two identical models to be placed in Juvenile Nonfiction & Juvenile Graphic Novels. By distributing them throughout the collection, we'll eliminate the need for patrons to walk back to the front of the Library to resume their search, which can be difficult for those with mobility challenges. We will also remove one of the two bulky pieces of furniture that are currently across from the Children's reference desk, opening up that floor space to create a more open and natural flow for foot traffic. We hope to see success with this OPAC method that many libraries have adopted and implement a similar approach in the Adult Library in 2026.



### Project Costs

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	Individual cost	Needed	Total Cost
Adjustable OPAC Stands	\$1200	2	\$2400
PC Mounting Bracket	\$80	2	\$160
<b>Project total:</b>			<b>\$2560</b>

### Recommendation

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A motion for the Library Board to approve the purchase of these items using funds from the Agency Trust.