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From: Barbara K Deters <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2009 7:53 am  
To: mtyree@west-bendlibrary.org  
Subject: FW: Thoughts provoked by your card

Michael: Can you investigate John's suggestion and see if it is possible? Thanks, Barbara

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From: John Aynesworth <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Sun 6/7/2009 2:38 PM  
To: Barbara K Deters  
Subject: Thoughts provoked by your card

Thank you very much for the sentiments expressed in the card you just sent me. As to the position of vice-president, I have been strenuously avoiding responsibility of this nature during my entire tenure on the board. However, if Tom is forced from the board and the position becomes open, I will accept nomination.

In light of recent events, I believe that the library will be the focus of continual future controversies. I would like to take the battle away from specific titles and subjects to what I believe to be a central issue underlying all of these controversies. In other words, let us fight a battle where we define the terms. I propose that consideration of the following resolution of policy be added to the agenda of the next board meeting.

Resolved, by the Board of Directors of the West Bend Community Memorial Library:

<https://wisemail.wisc.edu/print.html>

6/9/2005

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"It is the policy of the West Bend Community Memorial Library that any book that is allowed circulation may be checked out without hindrance by any patron of the library holding a current library card, regardless of age, sex, race, or any other division of humanity."

I believe we already have a policy detailing who may apply and be issued a library card. If the Common Council wants to get in the business of approving, denying, restricting, or defining special categories of library cards, they will have to make that declaration publicly.

Respectfully submitted,  
John R. Aynesworth

P.S. Feel free to forward or talk about any portion of this note to anyone. I am quite aware that sending this message to your district email account places it in the public record.

JRA