

# South Madison Branch Library Renovation . . . Much Work to Do and Many Wishes to Fill

With plans for the South Madison Branch Library renovation underway, the Library staff asked patrons to share their wishes for their new branch.



**Nellieyah wishes for...**

"I would like to see more open space and a private study area in the new library. More computers would be great. A larger collection of music CDs and foreign DVDs should help reflect the diversity of South Madison."



**Mike wishes for...**

"Art and craft display space: for displaying work kids have done at the library or in local schools and for showcasing local artists."



**Emily wishes for...**

"Study cubbies with plug-ins for laptops."

A more defined board book area for very young children to enjoy board and toddler books."



**Outdated computers slow research and learning**



**South Madison's overused and overcrowded Library.**



**Chris, Marisa, Nicolas, Elia and Benjamin wish for...**

"We would like to see the new library be more like the Alicia Ashman Branch, with a comfortable cafe feel. We need more Internet computers and places to plug in laptops, as well as more playthings for toddlers."



**The books and CDs at South Madison are now jam packed in the limited library space.**

**South Madison Library photos by Peter Patau  
Photos of patrons by Madison Library staff**



**Kathy and her family wish for...**

"Make it more like a Barnes & Noble. Serve coffee! Have a movie room with a big screen and host movie nights."

More exotic chairs - a recliner! Faster computers! More of them. A bigger area to sit and read."

More magazines for teens. More DVDs and rock CDs. A Blu-Ray section. A quiet place to read."



**Worn furniture and stained carpeting will definitely need to be replaced.**



**Sherri & Boyd wish for...**

"My deepest desire is to see this library continue to grow as the seed planted with the UW Madison Odyssey Project right here in this rich soil! Also, an expansion of classroom space for private study and tutoring." - Sherri

"I would like to see this branch continue supporting the Saturday Morning Family Voices Tutoring Program." - Boyd

**By increasing the size of the South Madison Branch Library there will be more room to provide additional resources which represent the many cultures in the South Madison neighborhood.**



**Hmong books and videos...**



**Spanish books and videos...**



**African American books and videos, too!**



**Dave wishes for...**

"More room for books. More computers. A really nice conference room."



**Phyllis wishes for...**

"Lots of artwork and sculpture to soften the straight architectural lines. Community arts projects like mosaics and murals."

Lots of read-aloud opportunities for kids, teenagers and even adults! Reignite reading aloud to each other as a wonderful free pastime."

I would also like a collection of kid's books in many languages to help me learn new languages."



**Jack wishes for...**

"A collection of video games that could be checked out."



**Kris wishes for...**

"Lots of windows, stained glass. Comfortable seating (singles, wide seats big enough for a parent and child to share). Dedicated Children's area."