



Doug Koschik, Library Director

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Ms. Cathleen Russ
Director
Troy Public Library
510 West Big Beaver Road
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Dear Ms. Russ:

A couple of months ago, the Troy Public Library scheduled its last day of service to be Sunday, May 1. In preparation for that event, the Baldwin Public Library, in early April, set the accounts of its Troy patrons to expire on May 1. Consequently, from May 2 on, Troy residents will no longer be able to use the Baldwin Public Library. Baldwin has distributed fact sheets explaining this action.

On April 18 the Troy City Council decided to reverse course and keep the Troy Library for at least a few days beyond May 1. It is, however, uncertain how much longer the library will remain open. And even if the library does stay in service, it is not at all certain that it will be open enough hours to meet state aid guidelines.

Since all of the preparations have been implemented, Baldwin has decided to go ahead with its plan to cut off service to Troy residents effective May 2 despite the delay in the closing of the Troy Library.

Troy's reciprocity arrangement with Baldwin dates back to the days of an organization called CORD. CORD ceased to exist several years ago, but Baldwin and Troy have nevertheless maintained the reciprocity arrangement as a courtesy to each other. Since Troy is not a member of the library cooperative called TLN, it is not subject to the rules of the TLN reciprocity agreement that Baldwin adheres to. Should the Troy Library actually receive enough funding to be open permanently for at least the minimum number of hours required under the state aid guidelines, Baldwin would be happy to consider re-establishing reciprocity with Troy. Please notify us at that time, and we shall work out the terms of a new bilateral agreement with you.

Thank you and best wishes to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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