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## **Senator Pfaff and Representative Billings Applaud La Crosse Library Funding**

**Madison, WI** – Today, State Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) and State Representative Jill Billings (D-La Crosse) issued the following statement in support of Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Administration’s (DOA) announcement that La Crosse will be receiving \$3 million to support public library improvements from DOA’s Flexible Facilities Program. The funding is part of \$115 million in grants received by local and Tribal communities.

“Public libraries are a beacon of learning that connect our communities,” **said Senator Pfaff**. “This funding will help close the digital divide in our community, making sure technology and the internet are accessible for all.”

“Our public libraries are the cornerstone of our communities, providing opportunities for everyone to explore and learn. I appreciate the Governor’s investment in infrastructure and connectivity ensuring access to technology and high-speed internet for all,” **said Representative Billings**.

The \$3,010,808 will assist with public library renovations and technological connectivity improvements, which will benefit over 30,800 individuals, including those who are low-income and lack access to high-speed internet. Funding will go towards expanding the existing library space with three classrooms, five meeting rooms, and two computer labs. This project will update the library’s broadband infrastructure and purchase desktop computers, laptops, and connectivity hardware to ensure fast, secure, and reliable internet access for all users.

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*Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.*

*Representative Jill Billings represents the 95th Assembly District, which includes the portions of La Crosse and Monroe Counties.*