



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jo Anne G. Mondowney, Executive Director
Detroit Public Library

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 17, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Detroit Public Library Budget Questions

The office of Council Member Angela Calloway respectfully submits the following questions to the Detroit Public Library (DPL) as a part of the 2023-2024 budget hearing process.

1. **QUESTION:** Will all branches of the Detroit Public Library be open in the budget year starting July 1, 2023? If not, please explain the reason for the continued closure.
2. **QUESTION:** According to the budget submitted, all three DPL branches in District 2 will see a reduction in staff and budget. The Sherwood Forest, Parkman, and Chase branches will each lose one employee. What is the reason for the decrease in employees in all three DPL branches located in District 2?
3. **QUESTION:** Most of the tax capture concerns expressed on behalf of the Detroit Public Library will end on July 1, 2025. What is the plan of action to help subsidize the Detroit Public Library until July 1, 2025? What is the status of a suggested Detroit DDA subsidy to the Detroit Public Library? How will DPL be affected by tax captures after July 1, 2023?
4. **QUESTION:** What is the status of the Downtown Skillman branch of the Detroit Public Library? What are the safety concerns for patrons and staff of the library during the HUDSON SITE construction project? What repairs will be needed before the branch can be re-opened?
5. **QUESTION:** What is the amount held by the Detroit Public Library in any “rainy day fund” and what is the purpose of the “rainy day fund” as envisioned by the Detroit Public Library commissioners?



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6. **QUESTION:** What is the amount held by the Detroit Public Library in any “capital improvement fund” and what is the purpose of the “capital improvement fund” as envisioned by the Detroit Public Library commissioners?

7. **QUESTION:** What is the dollar amount of support given by the City of Detroit general fund to the Detroit Public Library for the current budget year? What is the dollar amount of support for the budget year starting July 1, 2023?