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La Crosse Common Council members,

I am writing in support of the Historic Landmark designation for the South Branch Library building.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 10 years. During this time, I have witnessed how the building and surrounding park play a central role in the social life of our neighborhood.

In addition to our local library branch and polling location for elections, the building provided meeting space for our monthly neighborhood association meetings.

Social events in the park, organized by our neighborhood association, have helped us get to know our neighbors (local residents and local businesses too). The current renovated park, with the landscaping, hardscaping, benches and play area, was funded by the city but envisioned by the local residents. We volunteered to keep the new plantings watered through the first year, and neighbors still come together each spring and fall to help maintain the park. The park is used daily by people of all ages and it adds beauty and biodiversity to our neighborhood.

We no longer have a local library or polling place. But we do have a building waiting to be put to use again and a beautiful park that is visited and used by many. We, and the city, have invested so much in this local resource that means so much to our neighborhood. Please help us keep it.

Sincerely,  
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