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Dept. of Public Works

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Transit and Parking Commission
City of Racine
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

To the Commission

I am writing on behalf of The Friends of the Racine Public Library, Inc. to request that the meters in the lots behind Memorial Hall and east of the library be exempt from fines from 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017, so that The Friends may provide free parking for its Breakfast with the Authors and Annual Meeting. We have checked with VenuWorks to be sure that there isn't an event at Memorial Hall during this time period.

The Transit and Parking Commission approved this request for the last three years, and we have paid the City \$100 to compensate for any possible loss of revenue. Rather than bagging the meters, which would incur expense for the City, the Commission has agreed to exempt the meters in these two lots from fines from 8:00 am until 1:00 p.m.

This event will bring approximately 80 people downtown. Until 2014, we had held this event at Roma Lodge, where there is free parking. However, we feel it is important to hold as many library-related events in the library as we can. We also hope that by holding this event downtown, attendees will be encouraged to patronize local businesses after our event.

If you have any questions, I would be pleased to meet with you. I can be reached at 262-637-5305 or jillhartmann@wi.rr.com.

I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill S. Hartmann".

(Mrs.) Jill S. Hartmann
President