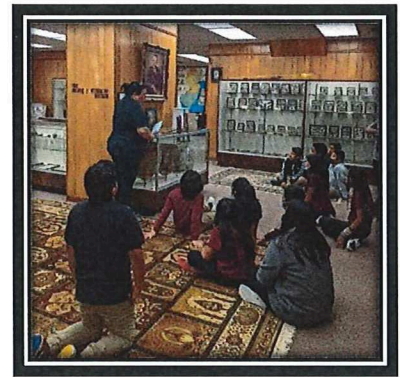


June 10, 2022

Dear Library Board of Trustees,

It was great excitement that I sent you this letter as many of you know that the library is near and dear to my heart! After several years of discussing a possible field trip to the library for our 5th-grade students in the Bridgeton Public School District, **it finally happened!** Over six days, each of the 5th-grade classrooms took a 40-minute tour of the library with Ms. Adaria Armstrong as their guide. I had the pleasure of attending many of the trips, and I must commend Ms. Armstrong for her knowledge and interaction with our students. She not only informed the students about the available services of the library but gave them a glimpse of history. Some of the highlights included having the students "touch 1816" and "walk" through it as they visited the upstairs conference room. The students discussed the architectural features of the building and why it had such large windows and doors. Another highlight for almost all of the students was the museum tour!



Again, Ms. Adaria was a fantastic tour director, and all of the library staff was friendly to the students. Many students applied for library cards, and everyone took home information about summer reading. While browsing all the books during the tour, I heard many say they wanted to come back to check out a particular book. I appreciate the flexibility the library director and staff showed with scheduling the **23 classes and the 441 students** that attended! I look forward to making this a yearly trip for our 5th-grade students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Wilchensky". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Barbara Wilchensky

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