

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support your local library

To the editor:

As National Library week approaches, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the community for its unwavering support of our public library. Your commitment to literacy and lifelong learning makes Waukesha a better place to live and learn.

The Waukesha Public Library made a significant impact on our community in 2024. Let me share some impressive numbers with you:

■ Our extensive collection is very popular: Last year, 1,021,878 items were checked out. This includes books, DVDs, downloadable items, Explore Passes, games, and much more.

■ The Library is a busy place. More than 306,000 visitors walked through our doors last year to utilize our varied resources and meeting spaces.

■ People gather here. In 2024, we welcomed 59,056 people to our events — from author visits and story times to Memory Cafés and maker sessions.

■ Waukesha trusts us. Our dedicated staff answered 72,683 questions for Waukesha residents last year.

I invite everyone to visit and experience all that Waukesha Public Library has to offer. Take advantage

of our new Lucky Day Collection for instant access to items that have long waiting lists; explore the Seed Library and plant something new in your garden; and don't forget that the Summer Library Program starts June 1. All ages can participate, so stop in and sign up!

Finally, I encourage everyone to support their own local library — not just during National Library Week but all year long. Visit your local branch, get a library card, and advocate for the funding and resources that keep these essential institutions thriving.

Bruce Gay

Director

Waukesha Public Library

We deserve better than Ron Johnson

To the editor:

The recent dangerous, careless actions of several security and Department of Defense heads by using a commercial app, Signal, represents a huge national security breach and Ron Johnson remained quiet. Why?

Does he not care that our service men and women were at great risk? Does he support the grossly incompe-

tent people who did this? Does he feel it's a good idea to be so careless with our nation's security?

And what about Trump's illegal actions of ignoring constitutional rights of free speech, eliminating employees and departments established by Congress, and not taking immediate disciplinary action against the Signal "leakers"?

Does Ron Johnson also think it's a good idea to ignore Trump's actions against judges who presided over cases against him or against his or others illegal actions? Does he support Trump going after lawyers who carried out their jobs and prosecuted Trump supporters for their illegal actions?

Finally, does Ron Johnson support a dictator/tyrant replacing our democracy of, by, and for the people? How does Ron Johnson feel about our Constitution and the rule of law which Trump seemingly violates at will?

Wisconsinites, we deserve a senator who represents us and our best interests, not those of a wannabe dictator. We deserve an elected official who calls out the dangerous actions of the "Signal leakers" and the allegedly illegal actions of the president.

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