

Gardiner Public Library
152 Water St.
Gardiner, ME 04345

May 22, 2006

Board of Selectman
Town of Farmingdale
289 Maine Ave.
Farmingdale, ME 04344

Dear Selectboard,

As per the Board's request, Phyllis Weeks has reviewed a list of households to whom we have sold library cards. As of May 9, 2006 we have sold 16 "senior" cards at \$34.00 each and 32 "adult" cards at \$54.00 each. This leaves a balance of \$1,728 available of the original \$4,000 allocated to the Gardiner Public Library at your March Town Meeting.

I would also like to notify you that at the beginning of our business day today, May 22, 2006, we have sold 1 more "senior" card and 8 "adult" cards. This leaves a balance of \$1,262 of the original allocation.

At this point, the balance allows for us to sell approximately 23 non-resident household cards to Farmingdale families. We will probably sell that number by the end of May. Please be aware that there may be a gap in time between your vote on "fees for library services" and when the balance reaches zero. If this should happen, the staff at the Library will be unable to issue pre-paid cards to Farmingdale residents. In fairness to our "full partner" communities we must adopt a rather strict approach to Farmingdale pre-paid cards. To exceed the amount appropriated for library services would essentially constitute providing for free, library services other communities have paid to support on a "fair share" basis.

If the residents of Farmingdale vote to reinstate municipally paid access to the Library for all residents of your town at the June 13, 2006 vote, the City of Gardiner will invoice Farmingdale \$9,815 for library services. As you may recall the original fee was \$13,815.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about library services to Farmingdale.

Sincerely,



Anne Davis
Library Director

Cc: Gardiner City Council
Jeff Kobrock, City Manager