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REP NELSON: AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES RECEIVE \$1.5 MILLION

MADISON – Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) announced today that public school libraries in the Fifth Assembly District received \$1,503,011 last year from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL).

“The economic downturn has presented significant challenges not only to family budgets, but also public school budgets,” said Representative Nelson. “These funds will help ensure that our children still have access to excellent libraries and learning materials.”

As Wisconsin’s oldest state agency, the BCPL was created to ensure a permanent source of funding for Wisconsin’s schools. It manages four major trust funds, which were originally funded by the sale of public lands. A majority of the funds held in trust by the BCPL are invested in loans to local governments and school districts. More than 95% of the interest paid on these loans is distributed to the state’s public school libraries.

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