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LIBRARY NEEDS UPGRADING: A recent comparative study has revealed a few shortcomings with the Lewis O. Flom Lansing Public Library.

Library Board Member William Lathrop said he came to that conclusion based on a study of 15 Illinois libraries and the population of each.

And the numbers aren't good.

Lathrop said Lansing's library rates last as far as the number of hours they are open and in the number of periodicals and full-time employees that they have.

The library is open 57 hours per week as compared to 65 or 67 hours by other libraries.

And although they have fewer employees than the other libraries, their budget for employees is about the same as the others, Lathrop said.