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## Lansing library ready to spend \$248,000 for improvements

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LANSING - The Lewis O. Flom Lansing Public Library is ready to go on a \$248,000 shopping spree.

That's the amount left from an initial \$400,000 bond issued to cover the costs of a new roof and other repairs. The library board agreed to use that figure as a cap on the cost of its next projects.

Those projects include replacing water-damaged ceiling tiles, recaulking the sealant on parts of the flashing, repainting some exterior metal and recarpeting

the interior.

"We set the cap for how much money we're going to spend," said Library Director Jan Bojda. The board did not move for bids on the work at last week's meeting.

In other business, the board approved sending a letter to the Suburban Library System Reference Service Department inviting them to consider Lansing's library for their new offices.

The department is housed in the Oak Lawn library. However, it did not reach agreement in negotiating a new contract

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and has solicited proposals from other suburban libraries for new office space.

The department has a staff of professional librarians who provide backup reference services for libraries.

"They work behind the scenes fulfilling requests from public libraries," Bojda explained. "The service is also a tremendous boon to the community (where it is located)."

In order to provide its ser-

vices, the department needs access to a public library collection as well as 2,000 square feet of office space for its staff, 3,800-volume print collection, microfilm and other reference materials.

There is storage space at the Lansing library that could be made into office space, Bodja said. By agreeing to send a proposal to the reference department, the library is not making any commitment.

"All we're saying is we think we have the space, come look at it," Bojda said.