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Standard Magazine Rack

Dear Board of Trustee Becky Herrmann,

The Concord Public Library offers a wonderful assortment of magazines. The trouble is they are unreadable for two reasons:

1. The rigid plastic jackets make reading them totally miserable
2. The magazines are sprawled out over 50' worth of shelving

Is it possible to remove the plastic jackets and to arrange the magazines in a standard rack like other libraries?

This would give a reader a chance to see all the choices at once and make it very easy for the librarians to manage. It would also free up 50' worth of shelving for more popular materials.

I've been told that "nobody reads magazines anymore". If that's true, then let's completely eliminate them to save time and money. However, observations at other libraries and bookstores indicate people still read magazines when arranged in a traditional manner.

Let's please bring the magazine section into accord with standard practice. Thank you.

Earnestly,

cc:

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