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One of the reasons we chose SVA to be our auditor is because of their reputation in the community. They're involved with a number of nonprofits and that was really important to us. But they're also generous and engaged as a volunteer group in the community and we really felt that that was the type of auditing firm that we would like to work with.

I'm Jenni Collins and I'm the executive director of the Madison Public Library Foundation. The Madison Public Library Foundation has been around since 1997. Our sole purpose is to fund programs and projects and capital needs of our Madison public libraries. We have a fantastic tax-supported library system here in Madison, but the foundation makes sure that we're a world-class library system for Madison. We provide the extra support that's needed to build collections. We're always involved when there's a new capital project. So if we need to renovate or build a new library, like this fabulous new Central Library, it's our job to help build private support in order to make sure that our libraries exist as absolutely fabulous amenities for our community.

We're particularly proud of the fact that we have nine libraries in Madison, our Central Library plus eight branches. And the Madison Public Library Foundation exists to actually support all nine of those libraries. We think we really benefit from having an auditor who can not only explain what's going on in our kind of financial statements to those on our board who are kind of sophisticated in financial statements, but also lots of us who aren't so sophisticated. One of the things we think we've benefited from from working with SVA was the ability to meet some really tight deadlines. So we had to report to the city of Madison and we had a timeline to meet, and SVA provided really accurate audit information and very timely audit information and that made for a very successful relationship here in our first year. We don't just communicate with them during our audit season, but they're there as a resource for us throughout the year. So if we have questions about our financial statements, about best practices, SVA is a tremendous resource just because of their depth of experience and the professional staff that they have to serve us.

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