



Sam Cunningham, Mayor
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August 18, 2017

Dear Friend,

The City of Waukegan and the Ray Bradbury Museum Committee are working together, in cooperation with other partners, to establish a museum to honor its native son, the renowned author Ray Bradbury.

The Ray Bradbury Museum Committee is a program of the Greater Waukegan Development Coalition (GWDC), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, economic development organization. The museum will occupy a city-owned, 3,500-square-foot space at 13 N. Genesee Street in downtown Waukegan, which is leased to GWDC. Future plans call for the museum to move into the historic five-story Carnegie Library building, "Ray Bradbury's Library," after its renovation.

Along with the Committee, I envision the many benefits that the Ray Bradbury Museum will bring to Waukegan. The expanded museum will be a highly attractive destination for local, regional, national, and international visitors of all ages. Each school year, Ray Bradbury's works are assigned to students across the nation and abroad. The museum will attract and engage students who read *Fahrenheit 451*, *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, and other Ray Bradbury works, some featuring the historic Carnegie Library and local ravines as settings. The positive publicity will increase Waukegan's reputation widely and increase all residents' pride in their city.

As Mayor, I endorse the Ray Bradbury Committee's plans to build a museum celebrating the life and works of this great author. I encourage you to support their efforts, through professional partnerships, financial contributions, or volunteer positions and to join me in continuing to develop Waukegan as a cultural and entertainment destination for Northern Illinois.

Sincerely,

Sam Cunningham

Mayor
City of Waukegan