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Dear Borrower,

Smile and say, "Cheese!" Bellingham Public Library will be celebrating [National Library Week 2011](#) by participating in Library Snapshot Day on Tuesday, April 12.

Visit any BPL location that day and help us document all the amazing things Bellinghamsters do at their libraries. We'll have cameras along on our Outreach visits to senior citizens at health care facilities, at our three storytimes that morning, at our fundraising workshops for nonprofit organizations, and by our computer workstations and checkout desks. Get your photo taken and help us get an accurate "snapshot" of life at Bellingham Public Library.



Friends of the Library Annual Meeting



**Friends of the
Bellingham Public Library**

The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room of the Fairhaven Branch Library. Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, Director of Sno-Isle Libraries, will share her vision for the future of libraries and some cutting-edge ideas in place at our neighboring library district to the south. New Friends are welcome! Come be a part of a fantastic group of people who have already pledged over \$30,000 to support projects at the library in 2011.

Tour the Western Libraries during National Library Week

Learn how to access the Western Libraries with the [One Card program](#) by taking a free tour during National Library Week. Tours will be offered:

- Monday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Walk halls haunted by a documented ghost, discover full-text periodical databases and a selection of local history resources. Visit the theatrical Harry Potter room and pass through vintage whaleskin doors. All tours begin at the Reference Desk on the second floor of Haggard Hall. Tours will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes but will continue as long as there are questions. Contact [WWU Parking Services](#) for information about where to park, or check [WTA bus routes](#) for your route and times -- the bus will take you just a few steps away from the library door!



Workshops Aid Grant-Seekers

Bellingham Public Library will host three free workshops for local grant-seekers in April. Scott Ullman, the Regional Training Coordinator for the Foundation Center, San Francisco Office, will present "Fundraising in a Challenging Economy". His talk will give an overview of fundraising strategies to help nonprofit organizations survive and thrive in these lean economic times. This workshop will be held Tuesday, April 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Lecture Room at the Central Library. Ullman will cover topics including positioning an organization for successful fundraising, how to adapt approaches to the current environment, and additional considerations to help an organization succeed.



From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. that afternoon, Ullman will present "Meet the Grantmakers" in the Central Library Lecture Room. A panel of local grantmakers for foundations that are actively funding in Whatcom County will discuss their funding guidelines, how to introduce your organization's work to them, tips on submitting your proposal, and trends in grantmaking.

On Thursday, April 14, Librarian Deborah Brewer will conduct "Finding Funders for Your Nonprofit" from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Central Library. This free 1 ½ hour class will teach you how to use the

Foundation Directory Online database at the Bellingham Public Library. The class includes hands-on practice. Registration is required for the Thursday session only. For more information, contact Deborah at 360-778-7210 or email dbrewer@cob.org. *Foundation Directory Online* is funded by a grant from the Whatcom Community Foundation.

Memorial Day Closure

The Bellingham Public Library, including the Central Library, Barkley Branch, and Fairhaven Branch, will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

The library's Whatcom Community College Connection will be closed Saturday, May 28 in addition to May 30.

2010 Annual Report: Use Increases Despite Hours, Materials Cuts

The 2010 Bellingham Public Library Annual Report is now available online, and it's clear that library use was up in 2010 even though open hours were down. If you laid each book checked out in 2010 (1.6 million in all) end to end, you'd cover the entire route of the Ski to Sea race course -- and back again! [See how your library measured up in 2010.](#)