

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 2006

Director's Report and Highlights
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With a trip back east for a few days, and attending the State Library Director's summer meeting, this is being written a week earlier than usual. As is the case these days, much has happened!

Library as Place

Most exciting was the Project for Public Spaces workshop. Faye and I will be able to report to you what we learned – and what we heard from one expert about library site planning. I urge you to review the information on their website at: <http://www.pps.org/>. Seventy members of the community came together for two days to learn about the importance of “place making”; and about as many attended a public, shortened presentation.

Together with a presentation about “Sustainable Communities: the Convergence of Green Building and Smart Growth”, this was a week of intense focus on our developing community – and the realization again of the importance our library plays in the vitality of Bellingham!

In your packet and/or on our meeting agenda:

A report from Faye and Alan of their **Sash & Door** site evaluation. The written report was not available to mail in advance of our Board meeting.

Bellingham Population and Library Facilities Square Footage: the numbers compare the City's population projections to library square footage.

Our **2007 budget objectives** are due shortly after our Library Board meeting, but we have not yet received instructions from the city. Because they are not completed in time to mail out to you, but will be essentially an update of our 2006 objectives, I have included these in your packet. I will appreciate your feedback for any 2007 revisions.

Library **safety policy**: it has been awhile since we were able to review policies with you. This one has recently been reviewed by all library staff, updated, and is on the agenda for your review and approval.

And lastly, you'll find the library's **2005 Annual Report**, and a flier on our upcoming “**Welcome Back Miss Zukas**” celebration with local author Jo Dereske!