Director’s Report and Highlights
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2008 budget
Because the City’s budget timeline never quite synchronizes with the Library Board meetings, this is our only opportunity to discuss the 2008 budget objectives before they are due to the City on May 1st. I will appreciate your feedback on the draft objectives in your packet.

In addition, we’ll talk about capital projects. These will be due for your approval at your May 22nd meeting, but now is the time to start discussing if we should include any capital projects in next year’s budget. More information will be provided for you at the meeting.

Materials withdrawn
In the past, you received a “materials withdrawn” number each quarter that you approve. Since we now incorporate our withdrawals under “holdings” on our monthly statistical report, I will ask that you approve the statistics on a monthly basis (actually, statistics are now called “Library performance & activity measures”).

Policies
Board members Vicky Marshall, Faye Hill, and I met to update the Library Board Bylaws and to discuss a Library Board of Trustees Code of Ethics/Conduct. These are still being formatted by library staff, and revisions should be ready for your next meeting. Thank you, Vicky and Faye!

Mark your calendars
Washington State Librarian, Jan Walsh, is coming to speak with our library staff about “Libraries in the 21st Century” on Wednesday, June 6th, 8-10:00 a.m. – and you are all invited. This will be a good opportunity for you to meet some of the staff, to meet Jan, and to hear her thoughts about the future of libraries. Start your day with us, and have some coffee and refreshments!

Happy spring! Happy reading!