

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 2008

Director's Report and Highlights

February 19, 2008 Bellingham Public Library
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Project costs

You may find it helpful to bring along your copy of the consultant's report for referral, and you'll find a few items in your packet related to this topic:

- # A draft City Council Agenda Bill for the upcoming January 25th meeting;
- # A revised Indirect Costs worksheet plus a sheet that details some of the items - the Council requested this further detail at our work session;
- # The revised Fairhaven costs with two scenarios; you'll note that there is little difference between the two alternatives:
 - Ø The estimate to repair and replace the stucco exterior; and,
 - Ø The revision that the Board requested from BOLA Architects to remove the stucco, restore the brick, and leave the brick visible.

Finance Director John Carter is attending the meeting to review the library's 2012 operating cost assumptions as well, and will be joined by Mayor Pike.

Collection development policy

At your November 20, 2007 board meeting you approved this policy in concept, and it is now in correct city/library format for your review and formal approval.

Additional library closures

It doesn't happen every year, but in 2008 Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve fall during the week when we would normally be open until 8:00 p.m. Past history shows that we have usually closed the library on those days at 5:00 p.m. so this is on your agenda for your consideration. The end of the year will be here before we know it!

New Assistant Library Director

Christine Perkins joined the staff on February 4 and we are so pleased to have her part of the team. Christine brings a wealth of library experience and expertise in communications, programming, and library administration – most recently as Director of the Burlington Public Library.

Christine will usually attend our Library Board meetings. Welcome!