

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 2008

## **Director's Report and Highlights July 15, 2008**

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### **2009 Budget**

We have a full agenda, so I've deferred our Library Fees and Fines discussion until August. At that time, we'll review our current fees and fines and decide any changes to be implemented in 2009.

This month's meeting will include an overview of our budget line items. However, I've had to include the '08 budget in your packet because we haven't received '09 worksheets from the City yet. This should work for purposes of our discussion, because although the amounts will change, the "line items" themselves will not change much. I believe this is the first time you've seen such budget detail, so while it is not current to '09, it gives you the picture of what details we typically include.

You'll have questions, I'm sure! I will provide a budget overview at the meeting and look forward to your feedback. As you review the materials, please feel free to give me a call with your questions.

### **Trustee Education: Outreach Services**

Christine will provide an overview of our Outreach Services. We've been reviewing this important service, our staffing devoted to Outreach, and ways we can streamline some of our processes so that we can handle the increase in business. This education session for you coincides with the new Outreach Services Policy contained in your packet.

### **Policies**

We have several to review and discuss, and all are in your packet. It will be helpful if you mark up your copies and bring questions and comments.

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### **Facilities Update and Discussion**

At your last meeting, Mayor Dan Pike spoke about his vision for the Waterfront, and the potential for a new library built there as an early action project. Let's talk further about how to proceed with this idea, and who from the Board will work on a site evaluation.

We'll also have an update for you on our new Barkley Branch – opening soon!