

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Director's Report and Highlights June 30, 2009

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Special visitor

I'm very pleased that Jan Walsh, our Washington State Librarian is coming to our Library Board meeting. She will bring greetings from Olympia, and provide us with an update on the state of our state libraries!

2008 Annual Report

We are beginning to distribute our 2008 Annual Report, found in your packet. If you would like more to give to colleagues or friends, please let us know. Our distribution will be low-key, mostly through the libraries. Our small printing budget is earmarked for just a few copies for those key locations.

Summer reading programs

Summer reading programs kicked off on June 13. Be Creative @ your library is the children's theme, and Express Yourself @ your library is for teens. We enjoy telling you about our summer reading programs for children and teens, and will do so at this meeting. However, this year Suzanne will share how we are encouraging adults to join Adult Summer Reading @ your library.

Internet policy

In your packet you'll find lots of backup information for our discussion on the Internet Policy. Included are the old, out-of-date policy; the new, revised draft policy; plus supporting documents from the American Library Association which are referred to in the policy. It may be a long time since you saw or read these, particularly the Library Bill of Rights! I hope these help prepare you for a good discussion.

Fairhaven Branch Library update

This project is in full swing and the demolition of the stucco has begun. We knew that there may be surprises, given the age and condition of the building. We'll share what we've learned about the condition of the brick, mortar, parapets, and front stairs. We are not surprised that we expect to use the "unit pricing" for portions of the repair, above and beyond the base bid.

WCLS/BPL Study Committee report

Our small committee will have a report for both the WCLS and BPL boards by your July meeting.

2010 library budget update

I'll review the budget calendar with you – it's in your packet.

Where has the summer gone? We're already looking at July! See you on Tuesday.