

C. Director's Report: Crowley

1. April statistics

- a. Checkouts system wide are up 16% over last year.
- b. Building traffic system wide is up 12% over last year.
- c. Before the end of the fiscal year, checkouts will be over 500,000

2. 2008 Public Library Annual Report of statistics (statewide)

- a. Crowley shared various statistics that show how FCLS compares with other libraries of comparable size in the state.
- b. FCLS averaged 7,372 visits per week in 2008
- c. Attendance was nearly 15,000 at 566 programs
- d. FCLS has 179 open hours per week – more than any other library
- e. Circulation almost reached half a million at 478,429

3. Unique progress

- a. Rate of return is \$2.97 for every dollar spent.

4. Thank you from Stewart Harvey

- a. The Board received a thank you from Stewart Harvey, Director of the Flathead County Library System Foundation for allowing them to participate in the 2009 Montana Book Awards Reception.

5. Email from Connie Heckathorn

- a. The Board received an email from Connie Heckathorn regarding donations from the Whitefish Library Association.

MOVED BY J LOPP, "that the Chair respond to the Whitefish Library Association thanking them for their interest in improving the building and stating the gift policy that all donations come thru the Director for approval."

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. FY 2010 Budget for Account 2220 – Crowley (action)

- 1. The Compensation Board for the County Elected Officials voted for a 1.9% COLA which includes all county employees.
- 2. Kim Crowley asked the Commissioners to cover the additional expense for the COLA increase.

MOVED BY J LOPP, "that the budget adjustments be accepted."

SECONDED BY K HATFIELD

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Removing materials from the collection (discussion)

1. Finsel & Edmundson gave the Board an overview of the process for deselecting library materials.
2. The Collection Policy specifically addresses removing items from the collection.
3. The Collection Development team is working out a process to evaluate the entire collection over a three-year period.
4. Maps are being deselected by geographic goals and are reviewed by a committee of three before decisions are made.
5. Reports are run to show which non-fiction materials have not checked out in 2 years.
6. Lopp suggested the Chair send a letter to Mark Stevens that states the Board has reviewed and agrees with the process of deselecting.

B. Next steps for Facilities committee – Crowley, Leistikio

1. The Committee has reduced the list of eight properties to the 3 most suitable.
2. A press release will be sent out asking architects to submit a letter of interest for a conceptual design and cost for each of the three top sites.
3. Three firms will be chosen by the Board and will be assigned one site. Each will receive a \$1,000 honorarium in recognition of their efforts.
4. The Board will consider the architect designs and costs of the three sites called the “A” list.
5. The Committee will present their findings to the Board at the June meeting.

C. Applications and recommendation for Board member (action)

1. The Board discussed the two candidates for the Whitefish position and decided to recommend the re-appointment of Terry Petersen.
2. The Chair will send a letter to the Board of Commissioners.

MOVED BY J LOPP, “to recommend the re-appointment of Terry Petersen to the Board of Commissioners.”

SECONDED BY C LEISTIKO

CARRIED

D. FY2010 goals (discussion)

1. A list of goals for FY10 was given to the Board for consideration at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 25, 2009 at 3:00 pm at the Main Library.