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Report to the Library Board

March 2011

Items needing approval:

- The Library Board needs to approve the *Public Library Assurance of Compliance with System Membership Requirements*, in your packet, as part of the annual report we submit to the state each year.
- Library staff is recommending that MPL relinquish its Federal Depository Status, and we need Library Board approval to do so. (Most federal documents are now available on-line, and there is very little use of the actual documents.) Please see Carol Froistad's report, *Approval to Relinquish Depository Library Status*, in your packet.
- The Library Board needs to approve the Green Roof Feasibility Study, which was presented at the Feb 24th public meeting re the new Central Library. As part of the preparations for the New Central Library, a study on the feasibility of creating a green roof space or community garden on the new building was prepared by the City's Facilities & Sustainability Department. Please see *Green Roof Feasibility Study*, in your packet.

Updates:

Normally, at this March meeting, we would be sharing with you the reconciliation of the 2010 budget, and subsequent changes to the 2011 budget, based on that reconciliation. As of today, City accounting has not finalized 2010 salary and benefits for the library, so our report will be scheduled for the April Library Board meeting.

City Labor Relations and the Library Union Bargaining team has recently completed Local 60 contract extensions through 2012 for two library unions – the Librarian Unit (professional) and the Library Unit (paraprofessional). These contracts were approved by the Common Council February 16th.

The City of Madison has engaged Mary Berryman Agard & Associates to work with community groups to create a Madison Cultural Plan to celebrate Madison's unique opportunities to define itself as a place that values and supports art and culture. Madison's libraries are an important part of this effort, and library staff will continue to participate in the process, and its results. More to come on this.

At this meeting, Dave Wallner will report on a recent meeting he and library staff attended regarding the East Madison Shopping Center and the new McDonald's restaurant proposed for the Center.

In your packet, please see the announcement from the Madison Community Foundation announcing a \$350,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Grant for humanities programming for all Dane County Libraries.

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