



## CITY OF WASILLA

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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 93-95

October 14, 1993

TO: Wasilla City Council  
FR: Mary Ellen Emmons, Librarian  
THRU: Mayor John Stein  
RE: LIBRARY FUNDING - FY'94

The funds currently available in the FY'94 library budget will allow us to continue operating at our present level until approximately November 30. Council established a library contingency fund for FY'94 to offset the Borough shortfall. I am requesting approval of Ordinance Serial No. 93-51, which would transfer the contingency funds to the library budget.

A separate item on the October 25 Council agenda requests acceptance of the FY'94 Public Library Assistance grant, in the amount of \$8033. Those funds will be used to supplement operating costs, specifically supplies and collection material. The State appropriation for these grants has again been reduced.

At the time this memo was being prepared, the Christenson library governance recommendations were not available. Copies will be distributed to you as soon as we receive them from the Borough. Hopefully the recommendations will provide direction for an equitable funding formula.

I respectfully request that the Council introduce Ordinance Serial No. 93-51 for public hearing on November 8 and set for adoption on November 22.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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Mary Ellen Emmons, Librarian

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The Honorable Mayor John Stein and the  
Members of the Wasilla City Council  
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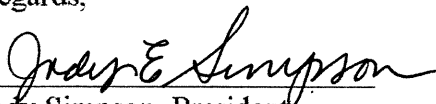
City of Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Mayor Stein and Members of the City Council:

I am writing this letter to encourage you to vote to release the monies that have been held in reserve for the funding of the Wasilla Public Library. The release of these funds will ensure that the Library may continue to provide services and programming for area residents. The newly-completed *Christenson Plan for Comprehensive Library Services in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska 1993* has just shown how very important and necessary our public libraries are to their patrons. To read the quotations included alongside the text of the study is to know the level of support by the people who use the Library and who rely upon it for recreational reading, educational support, programming and children's activities. What a disservice to these patrons it would be not to continue to fully fund the Library through the remainder of the year!

Please show your support of your city library by voting to release the reserve monies so as to continue the full funding of the Wasilla Public Library. Thank you.

Regards,

  
Jody Simpson, President  
Wasilla Public Library Board

cc: Mary Ellen Emmons, Director, WPL