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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 93-23

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TO: Members, Wasilla City Council

FR: Mary Ellen Emmons, Librarian

RE: LIBRARY FUNDING

On behalf of the staff at Wasilla Public Library, I wish to thank you for the support shown to the library program during the recent budget process. While we realize that many issues and problems remain to be solved, we were encouraged by your recognition of library services and your willingness to confront the funding shortfall.

On August 14, John and Ann Christenson will arrive from Minnesota, to begin a 2-week review of public library organization and governance in the Mat-Su Borough. Local and State funds are being used to pay for this study. The Borough/City funding arrangement for library services should be one of the primary aspects of this study.

It is my recommendation to you that the results of this study be carefully considered before any drastic change is made to services at Wasilla Public Library. I am presently drafting a new fines policy. Since the Christenson recommendations should be available in September, it seems prudent to consider that report prior to implementing major policy changes on our own, so that the public doesn't have to keep adjusting to changing policies.

Thank you for your interest in the library program, and I will keep you posted on the progress of the Christenson visit.


Mary Ellen Emmons