

# Directors Report

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**Homeless situation** – With the coming of colder weather we are seeing an influx of those seeking a warm space to spend at least part of their day. Since our last meeting I have had the opportunity to confront two different individuals with significant mental health issues, staff had already dealt with these same individuals. In both situations the police were called, and the process of banning them from returning was conducted. It became apparent that the process was not smooth. I communicated this to the city administration and a meeting with all parties including the Police resulted. While no city code will not be changed internal policy will change and I believe this process will eventually improve the circumstances for staff and the operation of the library.

**Building Renovation** – Meetings continue to move the project forward. I expect this week's meeting to provide cost estimates to specific changes, this will allow priorities to be set for the project. The funds available will not be sufficient for all desired changes and hard choices will have to be made. I will do my best to keep you up to date on the decisions as they we move forward.

**Library Services during renovations** – I am currently reviewing several electronic resources, e-books & periodicals, e-audio, and Kanopy video services. I am specifically looking as cost and ease of customer use. We will also work to tune the library web presence and marketing of services.