

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Squid Hoodies - Our Squid Hoodies arrived early in August. They feature original artwork by Doris Olsen based on a piece of permanent artwork she did for our children's room. The hoodies are \$45 and about \$20 go toward programs and activities at the library. We've sold about 2/3 of the 108 we originally ordered, so more are on order. Online sales are planned when the new shipment arrives.



Xerox Copier – We have received our new Xerox copier; this replaces the copier purchased when we moved into the facility 10 years. It is paid for with a Tier 1 Grant from the Rasmuson Foundation.

Photo display – Our digital photo screen current has an exhibit of some stunning travel photos from Stephanie Hayes.

Maintenance

- **Graffiti:** This summer a significant amount of graffiti was found on the back of the building. Our video cameras caught the 'artist' in the act and we were able to identify them immediately. With the assistance of the Borough Maintenance Department and the Police Department the individual did community service - repainting the damaged part of the building - in lieu of the library pressing charges. I have issued a trespass order for the person responsible; they are not allowed to come on library property. They were given the option to speak with me about it regarding the potential of having it lifted but that has not occurred.
- **Electrical usage:** The spike in electrical usage discussed at our last meeting was analyzed this summer and no 'smoking gun' was found. It appears that our old meter was not reading correctly, and our new meter is. This has resulted in a monthly increase to our utility bill of approximately \$1,000.
- **Storytellers Pole:** Tommy Joseph, Tlingit master carver and creator of our Storytellers Pole in the front of the building paid us a visit in September. He checked out the condition of the pole and said it was in great shape. He recommended a light cleaning and preservative treatment next year. I have asked the Borough Maintenance Department to help us with this.
- **TroyCo services** has been doing a lot of extra deep cleaning for us this summer. They cleaned the carpets, upholstery, and interior windows. The exterior windows and sidewalks by the building will be cleaned next.