



Memorandum

TO: Pierce County Library System Board of Trustees
J. J. McCament, Chair

FROM: Lynne Hoffman, Foundation Director

DATE: May 2, 2011

SUBJECT: Lakewood Library Improvement Project

After the successful completion of the University Place Library Campaign and the transformational creation of the children's and teen's areas in the new library, the question was asked, "Why couldn't we do the same for Lakewood."

Lakewood Library recently underwent a remodel resulting in repositioning the children's area and significantly expanding an area for teens. This redefinition of space makes the Lakewood Library poised for a magical renovation that is possible through philanthropy.

Like the University Place Library Campaign, the Foundation would concentrate on adding mostly furnishings and fixtures to the already defined areas to the extent that fundraising can provide. It was estimated that approximately \$140,000 was needed to achieve our vision for the Lakewood Library.

The opportunity to move forward presented itself when the Lakewood Library was scheduled to be closed for major HVAC repairs at the end of August. Improvements could take place at the same time. However, with this short timeline, we determined the best plan was to approach key Lakewood donors and ask for their support. At this time, \$55,000 in firm commitments have been secured for the project.

The additional funding would be used to configure the children's area in zones in order to create learning environments at three developmental levels: Early Learning, Beginning Readers and Tweens. Right-size furnishings, displays, shelving would be added to meet the needs of children at each age. For Teens, plans include more technology, seating options and flexible spaces where teens can interact or study alone.