

This has been a busy time, as we all know well. Over the last two weeks I've been focusing largely on a smooth transition and prioritizing the upcoming tasks. I've had numerous meetings and conversations with local contacts, our library coop, attorneys, etc. Our most pressing issues coming up are the director search, the Coldwater Lease, and the 2016 budget. Plans are in place for motion on all of these fronts.

In particular, I've been spending a lot of time becoming more intimately familiar with the budget and budget process. While I've sat in on many budget meetings over the years, I've certainly never started the process off. I am looking forward to getting it done.

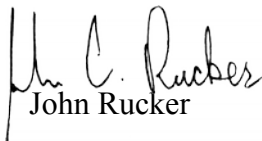
The Building Committee will be meeting later today to discuss our proposed changes to take to the City of Coldwater regarding the Coldwater Branch Lease. We'll have more to report on that at Monday's BDL meeting.

BDL has been represented all this week at the Branch County Fair. The superhero capes that library staff made have been a big hit, and though we made 500 of them, it looks like we'll run out before the fair is over.

We won't be doing any more booth appearances this season at the Coldwater Farmer's Market, but our presentation for their kid's day was very well received. Quincy schools loved the display and information we provided and contacted us to ask if we'd do a program for them when school starts. We'll be happy to oblige.

One final item to note is that for the first time anyone can remember we received a subpoena for library records. This was a request for video from our surveillance cameras at the Bronson Branch related to the vandalism there in July. As per Board policy, I consulted with our attorney at Foster Swift immediately to make sure that the subpoena was in order before complying with the request. We've heard nothing further from the police since then.

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