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TO: Library Advisory Commission

FROM: Monique le Conge Ziesenhenné, Library Director

RE: Library Director's Report, Mar/April 2017

- FY18 Budget proposal includes a cut of \$58,000 to digital collections and reclassification of Administrative Staff. During the time the library was in temporary locations for construction, the Library Foundation donated money for collections. The library had more resources to put towards digital and online collections with the understanding that not all would remain. While we continue to evaluate use and popularity, those online resources which overlap or duplicate and are not well-used will be removed. Changes to staff classifications in Admin will more closely reflect tasks performed; recruitment for vacant position to begin in July. First budget hearing is with the Finance Committee on May 4; budget goes to Council on June 12; final approval expected June 19.
- Library Director invited to participate in Urban Libraries' Council Education Forum, where 10 member library directors met with ULC staff to discuss issues related to libraries working with schools, March 1-2, 2017. The outcome is expected to be a revision to ULCs education goals/platform.
- Library Managers had an off-site retreat in March to clarify roles and goals, especially with new managers in the past year, and to plan upcoming work.
- Library Division Head, Diane Lai, attended Innovative Users' Group (IUG) in March, and Research in Public Libraries (RIPL) regional meeting in April.
- Library Director attended the Council retreat, annual LINK+ directors' meeting in April.
- Library Director elected as Public Library Association 2018-19 President.
- Re PLP grant: the VR station is built; BeamPro robot arrived for training/testing in April and will go-live in May.