MAIN LIBRARY/LIBRARY CAMPUS PROJECT
The project steering committee will be interviewing five architectural firms the week of December 11 and expects to recommend one of these firms be awarded the contract for the project’s design/construction.

A contract is pending for a local marketing firm to provide messaging and naming expertise for the project. The firm will also help develop a “case statement” for the philanthropic efforts. Work will begin in December. A contract is also pending with Donor by Design, for phase two of the philanthropic effort. This phase should begin in February 2018.

A seismic study is being conducted on the four-story structure. Denise McNeley and I will meet with the consultants to determine the parameters of the study on December 5.

Staff is reviewing a parking study in and around the area to determine availability of parking in the Cultural District. The study will help us determine future use of the Library’s new parking structure. We hope to address the City Council on December 5 regarding the two site concepts developed by ArchNexus. However, that presentation may be rescheduled for January depending on the Council’s agenda.

The steering committee plans to present a project update to the City Council on December 12.

STEP AHEAD IDAHO
The Library! at Hillcrest had excellent media coverage on the November 15 announcement regarding the facility expansion and partnership with Step Ahead Idaho. The project is currently in the bid process stage and construction should begin soon. We hope to have it completed by this coming spring. We will post the design as soon as the contractor has been awarded. Denise McNeley, Step Ahead, and I are still awaiting final review of the construction documents. A lease agreement with Step Ahead is in the final review stage.

COLLECTION ASSESSMENT
The Collection Development Team has completed a beta/preliminary version of a collection assessment for the Library. This assessment depicts the collection’s age, information and subject gaps, strengths and weaknesses and will allow the team to plan collection development selection and maintenance for the next few years as well as for the move to a new Main Library facility. The Library has not completed a full assessment in over 20 years and this is a major initiative from the strategic plan. Thank you, Collection Development Team, for a job well done. We will be sharing the results with you later this coming spring when the final draft is completed.

LEARNING LAB PARTNERSHIP
Learning Lab is wrapping up its family outreach program at the Library! at Bown Crossing. The Lab will continue to provide adult classes at Bown in addition to the classes currently offered at the Main Library and the Library! at Cole & Ustick. Thank you, Bown Crossing and Cole & Ustick staff, for
working closely with our partners and providing a needed outreach literacy and language learning service for the community.

FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION
The Friends grossed $38,000 at the fall sale, the second highest sales gross for the fall sale ever! Hooray for the Friends! This week they approved funding totaling $40,000 for library programs including the Vox Popular author series at the Library! at Bown Crossing, Summer Reading, robots and coding at the Library! at Hillcrest, Dinner and a Book, Tween Gaming equipment for the Main Library, a design thinking room equipment for the Main Library, and a STEAM (science, technology, engineering arts, and mathematics) table for the Main Library and Youth Services. Thank you, Friends.

The Foundation began the $17 for ‘17 campaign November 24. Look for celebrity selfies on Facebook! The goal this year is to raise $50,000, which will be used for additional STEAM technologies and a portable art display for the Main Library. Last year, the Foundation raised $43,000 for library technology equipment and programs.

On December 9, members of the Foundation Board and Trustees will be at each location to build awareness of the $17 for 17 campaign with the public.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

LIBRARY! AT BOWN CROSSING AS NEW VOTING LOCATION
On November 7, the Library! at Bown Crossing served as Precinct 1806’s voting location. A total of 396 people voted. Eighteen new customers registered for library cards at Bown Crossing during the day, many of whom were visiting for the first time due to voting.

HARDY BOYS/NANCY DREW MYSTERY DAY IN YOUTH SERVICES
On November 4, Youth Services hosted a Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew Mystery Day. The activities included codes to solve a mystery, navigating through a maze, and writing a message in invisible ink.

DINNER AND A BOOK
The Friends of the Boise Public Library and Flying Pie Pizzaria co-sponsored the Library’s annual Dinner and a Book Event as part of the Idaho Family Reading Week program. The program is designed to promote the value of reading together as a family. Each location hosted an evening that included reading books while enjoying pizza, salad, and ice cream. Total attendance was 217 for all five locations. Children who participate receive a book as part of the night’s festivities.