LIBRARY CAMPUS PROJECT
The public feedback phase for the campus project began on July 5 when Josh Shapel and I participated in a First Thursday event at the Inn at 500. Over 70 people came to view the project renderings and obtain information about the project. The week of July 16, the public comment phase opened with five sessions at each library location. Nearly 300 people attended the sessions during the week. Throughout the week, comments were generated at the open houses, online, and via email and U.S. mail options. The comments are being collated with the Co-Urbanize platform and Trustees will receive a briefing during the Library Campus Update section on the August agenda.

Staff is planning a second round of public feedback in September or October after the design team receives and reviews the comments from the July sessions and conceptual changes are made to the design.

The project team continues to review the cost estimates and identify areas that could be changed or altered to keep the project within the budget parameters.

LYNX! CONSORTIUM PROJECT
LYNX! libraries are planning a brochure for St. Luke’s hospitals in the metro area that promote the library, offer a temporary library card for newborns, and a free book to be redeemed at your local library. The libraries will share in the cost of the promotion and each library will be responsible for procuring books for the babies.

The Consortium has engaged in a planning process to provide a library card for every child in the Boise and West Ada school districts. Staff will continue to update you on progress of each of these projects.

SUMMER READING 2018
The Summer Reading program has exceeded last year’s customer participation with over 4,000 people registered for this year’s program. Statistics for the program will be provided at your September meeting.

STEP AHEAD IDAHO PARTNERSHIP/HILLCREST EXPANSION
The project is proceeding on schedule and on budget. We hope to have a grand opening in early September. New study rooms have been added, a new classroom space has been added, and additional space in the library for seating, reading, and browsing have been incorporated into the design. The library entrance will be located on the sidewalk rather than within the breezeway section of the shopping center. We have encouraged library customers to write messages on portions of the drywall, so I encourage you to visit the Library! at Hillcrest to view the messages.
BOISE COMIC ARTS FESTIVAL
The Boise Comic Arts Festival (formerly Library Comic Con) is scheduled for August 24-26. This year, with sponsorship from JUMP, we will be hosting the event at JUMP. A complete schedule can be found on Boise Public Library’s website. Many thanks to JUMP for providing a venue that will support the attendance, artists, and vendors. The Friends of the Library will also be selling graphic novels, comics, and science fiction materials during the event, and I will be helping the Friends this year with their sale. Please do try and attend a portion of this signature event.

LIBRARY STATS
This past year Circulation has increased 4%; customer visits have increased 16%; reference questions have increased 10%; and program attendance has increased 28% (as of June 2018).

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

BOISECODES
This fiscal year (October 2017-present), BoiseCodes hosted 14,006 attendees in a wide variety of technology programs at the Library and in partnership with schools and community organizations. Programs include Virtual Reality, 3D printing appointments, and STEAM activities. BoiseCodes also provides library customers with access to 14 different kinds of robots available for checkout. There are 121 robots in the Boise Public Library collection. Since the program started in 2016, customers have checked out 3,530 robots! The Boise Public Library Foundation has been vital in supporting the efforts of BoiseCodes. Andeavor has also provided generous support.

VISIT FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM
This past April, Jaime Hays and Ashley Dahlen of the Federal Depository Library Program visited Boise Public Library to provide training on Basic Government Resources for Reference. Topics covered included the history of government printing, the structure of the federal government, and the powers of the branches of government. They also provided personalized training on promotion and management of the Government Documents collection (located on the third floor). Here is the GPO (Government Printing Office) Twitter post about their visit: https://twitter.com/USGPO/status/991774490769133569

SEVENTEEN FOR SEVENTEEN LIBRARY FOUNDATION FUNDS FOR TECHNOLOGY
With the assistance of Library Foundation funding, Information Services has purchased a slate of new tools for public use including a Cricut Maker (currently housed in Youth Services) and a new wave of robots, which are currently being catalogued by Acquisitions and Technical Services to be available early this fall. Additionally, a large format color printer is now available on the third floor (housed in the room with Virtual Reality and the LASER cutter). Staff are finalizing the process for public use.

SUMMER POP-UP LIBRARY AT RIVERGLEN JUNIOR HIGH
In a recent survey of Boise teens, many said they could not get to the library due to transportation issues. In response, Youth Services Librarians piloted a pop-up library model during the summer school session at Riverglen Junior High. Once a week, a selection of books for checkout as well as books that were not part of the Library’s collection (advance reader copies, donations, discards) for those without cards or with prohibitive fines were taken to the school. On average,
70-100 teens browsed the selection, received reader's advisory, and placed books on hold that were delivered to them the next week. Staff were able to get books in hands and promote Summer Reading and other library programs. Staff is looking for ways to apply this highly successful pop-up model into the school year.