$16 FOR SIXTEEN CAMPAIGN
This year’s Boise Public Library Foundation fund raising campaign achieved and exceeded its goal to raise over $32,000 for Boise Public Library. Staff will report a final donation tally at the February meeting. This year’s funds are designated for summer STEAM (Science, Technology, Education, Arts, and Mathematics) camps for kids, a “pop-up” children’s library, and virtual reality stations for each library location. Staff plans to ask the Foundation Directors to purchase laser cutters with funds above the target. Many thanks to Bev Harad, Foundation President, Katy Dang, Vice President, Mike Turner, Treasurer, for leading this effort and raising the Foundation’s visibility through the campaign. I also want to thank William Nation and Kari Davis for providing staff support for the campaign. I’ll give an updated report at the January meeting.

MAIN LIBRARY VISION PROJECT
Work continues on organizing design-thinking workshops, fund raising feasibility, financial analysis and planning as well as site constraints, and soil and other site related testing. Terri Schorzman, Arts and History Director, Scott Beacham, Planning and Development Project Manager, and I presented an overview of the work completed so far and a visioning of the multi-purpose performance component with stake holders in the performing arts community on December 15. The team received some positive feedback and interest in the concept.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

BOISE BOOKMARKS
YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) named The Boise Bookmarks as a Teens’ Top Ten selection group. The citywide book club, led by Jen Scott Wills from Boise Public Library along with Gregory Taylor, Mary Karol Taylor, and Laura Johnston from the Boise School District, will receive hundreds of books from publishers and will select a list of 25 that will then be voted on by teens nationwide. The group was one of 20 groups in the country chosen to participate.