

Director's Report to the Library Commission December 16, 2024

Budget News:

- I've put together the proposed FY2026 library budget that we will review tonight.

Library News:

- Staffing two buildings continues to be a challenge with only 15 staff members. I think having an additional Library Associate on staff to assist with coverage will be beneficial. The job has been posted and we will be reviewing applications in the coming weeks.
- Our circulating board game collection went "live" at the end of November. We are starting small using a combination of donated games and a few new games that were purchased with the Toy Library grant. Staff have picked up on the new circulation procedures well and I am grateful for a team open to these changes and new initiatives.



Toy Library

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Building News:

- We ordered 6 new adjustable tables for the Bill Library meeting room using the investment funds. The 4 gray tables from Bill that were purchased with funding from the Friends will move over to Gales Ferry. This will update both meeting spaces and better meet staff and public needs.



Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Smith
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