

To: Assembly members, Mayor Jan Hill  
From: Margaret Friedenauer  
RE: Supplemental request for Tuesday's meeting agenda

On Tuesday, I will ask to add an item to the agenda under New Business – approving a donation from the Assembly's Budget/Expenditures - the "Appropriations from the Assembly" line item - to the Friends of the Library in the amount of \$250. There is currently just over \$14,000 in this fund, a rollover from the unspent "Community Chest" money in this year's budget. I worked with Jila in preparing this request and she says it will only take a motion, not a budget amendment.

Last week, the assembly held activities in the Haines Borough Public Library on Friday and Saturday. Assemblywoman Diana Lapham, the mayor and clerk organized many aspects of this event, including the food. They even enlisted volunteers to help. I appreciate their efforts, but the rest of assembly (including myself) provided minimal support and were less prepared for other aspects of our activities.

Several hours of these activities took place outside library hours. Normally anyone wanting to reserve meeting space at the library outside normal hours would pay a fee. The borough does not usually pay to rent its own facilities. However, because of the extent of our assembly activities, we used resources I would like to acknowledge with a donation.

Library Director Patty Brown graciously assisted with set up and supplies for the picnic lunch and afternoon reception on Friday. She also stayed Friday evening to close the library past normal operating hours. She arrived Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. to open and help set up, she stayed during day to take part in activities and then returned at 5 p.m. – after the library had closed – to help clean up, vacuum and close the library. Patty also accommodated several of our requests throughout the day, including help setting up PowerPoint presentation capabilities at the last moment and providing other presentation materials upon request. Many of those supplies belonged to the Friends of the Library. We also broke a large, plastic water container belonging to FOL while using it for our event.

Despite the lack of planning on part of the assembly and consultants, our activities went smoothly because of Patty and the resources of the Friends of the Library.

At \$250, we are paying much less than we would have to rent the facility and buy the supplies we used (and the water container we broke.) I believe it is important to acknowledge our activities were aided – and successful – in large part because of Patty and Friends of the Library's efforts. I believe the best way to do this is through a donation to FOL so they can continue providing resources for library users and the community.

Thanks, too, to all the borough staff that helped Friday and Saturday run smoothly – especially Julie, Brad, Kathy F., Krista and the public works folks who set up the picnic area.

Please help me acknowledge all these efforts that helped the assembly do our work by supporting a \$250 donation to Friends of the Library in honor of all Borough Staff.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Friedenauer