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Here are my comments on this month's packet. Thanks - J

Memo to Council - overall, I think this memo is shaping up really well. I have a few suggestions:

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On **Gunbarre**l: I think it's worth noting that folks in Gunbarrel noted that many of their neighbors do not have good access to computer technology and the web (seniors and low income).

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Accomplishments: I think we should also call out accomplishments in the traditional literacy areas (summer reading, early and adult literacy), plus new literacy areas, represented by STEAM and Making.

Could we provide, as an attachment, a summary drawn from the quarterly statistical reports that Gina does? I wouldn't include everything, just highlights. I think it would be helpful to Council to see the stats as we do: I think that would give Council comfort around how the library tracks and reports on its programs and services, and also help broaden their understanding of the scope of BPL offerings.

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Under the bullet "Leading edge for information technology:" Should we also mention STEAM programs and expansion of online research and magazine collections? What about the online courses that are available to the community? I think this is another opportunity chance to help Council i& the community better understand the breadth of offerings at BPL.

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Boulder Public Library operating budget and capital needs:
I assume this summary of library funding sources will be show graphically, either in the text or as an attachment?

The memo should provide a clear summary of funding needs (drawn from attachment B in this month's packet). he summary
should address how much does it cost to operate the library annually now, and what projected increases as BPL works to meet the community's future vision?. We need to be able to identify the gap – in dollar terms – between library capital and operating needs, and the current sources of funding outlined above.

I think this summary of current funding needs (relative to current revenues) should be provided before before outlining the future options for library funding,

~~Other~~ **options for financial sustainability for the library system**: Option one - increasing the general fund contribution - should be introduced as an option in this section.

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Regional library authority: I'd recommend avoiding using the RLA acronym – readers often find acronyms confusing.