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Mayor Stemple, and Councilors Ripley, Neace, Tracy, Reisoner, Todd and Mersereau

I want to share some statistics from our "Charlie Brown" Library

756 children signed up for the summer reading program at the GPL

The Foundation financially supports the summer reading program each year through the generous proceeds of our Book Sale

Pre-school - early literacy morning programs

Between 200-300 children have attend the early literacy story time since the first of the year.

5,689 registered borrows at GPL

The Library houses 46,018 books

804 internet sessions during the month of September alone

9,150 internet sessions to date from January

15,308 total circulations going in and out of our library in September

227,393 circulations to date from January

Between 3,000 and 5,000 people enter and exit to visit our "Charlie Brown" library each month. With 12,000 people in our community, this equates to nearly 50% of our local population visit the library at any given time throughout the month.

Teen programs at the library - Dungeon and Dragons, Teen Advisory Group, Movie Night, Game of Thorns trivia night , Harry Potter night, Alien Felting craft class, Mario kart Tournament and other video gaming tournaments

30-40 teens participate during any given month

The Task force has chosen Opsis Architecture as the design team and after seeing the large complex they designed in Vancouver, I believe we made the right choice and with the partnership of the County we can have a jewel of a Library that the citizens of Gladstone deserve.

Thank you

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Hearing how our City and our County can—collaborate and cooperate—on October 14 was exciting. Cooperation between 2 government entities—sharing resources—working together—serves everyone, including our community. The County's commitment to our new library—to the necessary funding—was heard loud and clear. County Administrator, Gary Schmidt—clearly stated the County will pay to build our library—AND, most importantly—will pay any **escalation in building costs** between now—and when we build.

Our library—with its' limited resources—provides many services. The new library, will extend these services to more people. A few of these services are:

*Libraries help people connect with our community. Whether they come from other communities—or from different countries—help and information is at our library.
*Libraries help everyone see themselves represented in our community.

*Our Library is a valuable resource. Over summer vacations—evenings—and weekends—the Gladstone Library is available to **our** children. Programs and activities that help preschoolers—elementary—middle—and high school age children—as well as adults—are in place at our library.

*Libraries revitalize struggling—depressed neighborhoods and cities. They are partners in sustainability.

- \$9,630—is the average added value to homes with a public library—VS those without one.
- \$4 to \$8 in resources are returned to communities for every \$1 in revenue collected, depending on the State.

*Libraries are—our—“**People's**”—University.
—Whether you are looking for a fun story time—a person in need of language resources—an unemployed person searching for job help—please, visit our library.

People coming together—learning—sharing—celebrating—where we live—who we are—and what we want to become.

—Our Library enriches us individually—as a community—and regionally.

In today's world—we need librarians— and libraries—more than ever.

Let Us join with Clackamas County to build the—“Jewel & Heart library for our Community”—we all deserve.

Thank you for your time.

I would like to state that BILL OSBURN DOES NOT REPRESENT the citizens of Gladstone. The people have spoken when we voted for you and chose not to elect him. His agenda and voice are his own. It's unfair to every one of us when city resources, which we all pay for, are abused and wasted.

Using the media to manipulate facts, targeting people for character assassination, pitting neighbor against neighbor, these are his tools.

His legacy to our community is dissention and persecution. This MO alienates and discourages participation in events, applying for volunteer and/or elected positions and other community action.

It's time to stop going to the press accusing our own because in so doing it takes us all down. No more wasted time on bogus accusations which are nothing but obstacles to progress, taking focus away from current projects, all under the pretense of doing it for the people. The drama needs to stop.

We need healing from the damage this behavior has done to our community. We need people with the ability to collaborate and listen with open minds. Without attacking or tearing down. We need to hear from and listen to those bringing creative solutions to the table and those who treat our council and city staff with respect.

We can use non-violent communication and create a positive environment in Gladstone. I believe this is the best way to move forward and uphold the goals of a vibrant, livable community.

These are simply my opinions.