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November 22, 2007

Support for libraries

I would like to thank the citizens of Spokane who have donated books, time, money, and support since the Sacajawea Middle School Library burned in September 2006.

Thanks to you, our students have had books to read while they have waited for their library to be rebuilt.

On Nov. 28, from 5-7 p.m., there will be an open house in our new facility. Our staff and students welcome all to our new library on that evening.

Public school libraries are threatened because they are not funded by basic education funding through the state budget. Please support the coalition led by parents, concerned citizens, and state library advocates by signing a petition available online at [www.gopetition.com/petitions/ world-class-education-for-washington.html](http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/world-class-education-for-washington.html).

Editor's note

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By signing this petition, you will make a statement that our children deserve a school library staffed by a qualified, full-time teacher-librarian.

These signatures will signal the state Legislature that Washington voters insist upon the funding of essential library services to K-12 students.

There is a strong connection between academic achievement and schools with full-time teacher-librarians.

Let's keep our schools excellent by restoring these professionals

to every school in Spokane.

Dinah Coble

Teacher-Librarian

Sacajawea Middle School

Easing the end of life

The Gibbs, Brownson and Vix families would like to thank the numerous individuals in Spokane who were instrumental in supporting our family with the end-of-life event for our stepmother, Lillian French Gibbs, in August of this year.

Recognition and thank you to Peggy Smith and her staff at Arbor House in the Northpointe Retirement Community. Ashley, James, Tiffany and all the other caregivers who were so important to Lillian: You became her friends which she added to her bouquet of folks she gathered throughout her life.

Thank you to Holy Family Hospital and staff of doctors and nurses who monitored

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Thank you to Holy Family Hospital and staff of doctors and nurses who monitored her with such care, medical professionalism and answered family questions and concerns with honesty. Thank you to Judy of Hospice of Spokane, who was there with us at the end as Lillian crossed over the road of stars to meet our father.

Thank you Kim, Dean, Dawn and the staff at Riplinger Funeral Home, for their kind words and helping with Lillian's memorial service at the time of need.

Indeed it does take a village of family, friends, caregivers and medical personnel to help with the transition out of this life.

Your kindness at this time is deeply appreciated.

Carol P. Brownson

Aptos, Calif.

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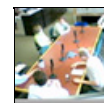
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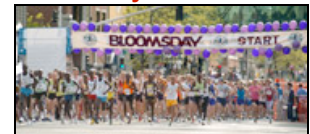
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