

Jan. 17, 2008
FMPL Recognition Dinner
Speech Notes
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RECOGNITIONS

- **Wish to recognize anew the many already recognized for their larger achievements as noted, this time for the very many unnoted smaller but also essential gifts of their time and talents so freely given**

- **Along with this I wish to recognize many others of FMPL and others not yet in FMPL, not specifically named, but who have also generously given of their time and abilities for the very many other vital supporting contributions of time, goods, and their unique talents for:**
 - **waving signs, moving trees, waiting patiently in bitter cold**
 - **making and bringing luscious treats for the “bake” part of the book sale**
 - **donating items for the book sale**
 - **setting up, packing up, collecting payments, and hauling for the book sale**
 - **support of the Wine & Beer event through their eager participation by event attendance**

SUMMATION

All of the persons of FMPL and of the Muehl Library staff who have participated in these events, in both large and small ways, have all clearly demonstrated their dedication to the idea that a vital and growing library is truly a great asset for us all, worthy of these very many efforts by the many persons.

It is shown by this, that indeed, this ongoing library enterprise of Seymour, taken as a whole entity, is truly greater than the summation of its many parts.

A great library and its associated library system that is vital, dynamic, and a healthy growing resource maintained to be free, unrestricted and readily accessible for all persons of the community, has proven through the centuries to be absolutely essential to the steady improvement of human well-being, the enrichment of our culture, the safe storehouse of absolutely vital knowledge, and the foundation for our human ventures into learning and discovery.

Simply stated -- In the face of an even more rapidly changing world about us as we

enter the 21st century, we must have a dynamic library system which similarly serves our changing needs; which grows as we grow.

If we are to survive as a nation of free people capable of independent thought and action, possibly even to sustain our very survival on this planet as an intelligent species, we must maintain and grow the crucial knowledge base that is OUR library system.
