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Subject: Please keep the library operations separate

Hi all,

I can't be there for the meeting tonight but I wanted to voice my strident opposition to combining the operations and budget of the library with the museum and parks departments.

I grew up in Ukiah and volunteered at us library as a teenager. I've seen how far the Mendocino County Library system has come, and how much work has gone into getting it where it is today, a valuable and dynamic resource to the community in many ways.

I've also worked in corporate America for 15 years and I've seen the effect of mergers and acquisitions. I find it far more likely that both the library and museum will suffer from this change, rather than the museum rising to the level of the library. Although I understand the goal you have of leveraging current resources to drive financial and personnel efficiencies, the reality is that both these institutions need full budgets and oversight to function well.

Please keep the operations of the library, which are healthy, functional and continuing to grow and improve, separate from the museum. Definitely the museum needs improved oversight but we should designate specific resources to focus on that set of needs that are commiserate with its function in our community, and not allow it to jeopardize the success of another important local institution.

Thank you,
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