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Heidi Roedel, Chair Doug Adams, Vice Chair Connie Leistiko Marsha Sultz David Ingram Imaginelf Libraries Board 247 1st Avenue East Kalispell, MT 59901

Dear Board Members:

In their February 7 letter, Flathead County Commissioners asked the State Library Commission to reconsider State Librarian Stapp's decision regarding a waiver of the public library standard that requires the Imaginelf Libraries to have a director with a Masters of Library Science or the equivalent. As the governing body of the library, the Commission acknowledges that the decision to request an appeal is your board's to make. Therefore, the Commission can hear but cannot act on the request from the Flathead County Commission.

The State Library Commission wishes to better understand your perspective on this matter and invites you to attend our meeting on April 13th at 9:30 a.m. Should you wish the State Library Commission to consider an appeal or other actions at that meeting, please make your request to the State Librarian on or before March 28.

Sincerely,

Kenning Arlitsch, Chair State Library Commission

Cc. Teri Dugan, Administrative Assistant

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