

Camano Island Library Acknowledgements

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I would like to take a few minutes to acknowledge the passion, support, and commitment of so many of you who have contributed so much of your time, energy and other resources to make today happen.

If I were to begin naming names, we would be here for hours and I am sure that I would inadvertently leave out someone who is very deserving of having their name mentioned.

So for the sake of opening the doors of the library, as soon as possible, please allow me to restrict myself and identify some groups, who simply represent the tip of the iceberg of those of you who deserve our heartfelt praise and appreciation.

We want to thank the Friends of Camano Island Library.

Thank you, Camano Island Library Advisory Board.

Thank you, Citizens for a Camano Island Library and all of the community members for your active support to secure a permanent Camano Island Library.

Thank you, Island County Commission for your assistance in placing the library ballot measures before the

voters; and also in your role as the Camano Island Library Capital Facility Area Board after the vote passed and the library capital facility area was formed.

We want to thank the our library building committee and all of you who attended library open house meetings and gave us your input on layout and colors.

Thank you to our library building project group, which included the architects, engineering design, general construction and all of the skilled trades and labor who participated in transforming this building into a library.

We appreciate the grassroots volunteer group who has worked to help us secure art and donors which will enhance the beauty and wonder of this lovely new facility, as well as the artists and sculptors who submitted proposals to have their work considered.

As library executive director, I need to express my thanks to all of the library staff, contractors and vendors who put in incredible time and efforts over the past 2 weeks to make sure the library is ready to open this morning

We also want to thank our business neighbors here at Terry's Corner. We have appreciated your continued support and hope that you come in to enjoy your new library; and also see the benefit from the library's continued presence here within Camano Commons.

And last, but not least, we sincerely thank the community for streaming through the storefront doors of the original little, pilot library when we opened 7 years ago.

Your continued support has led us to today's opening of double-doors into your new, permanent Camano Island Library.

And now, I would like to introduce Helen Price Johnson, from the Board of Island County Commissioners.