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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Ferndale Community Responds to Library Fundraising Challenge

Between September 1st and December 1st, \$849,654 in new dollars came in to help Ferndale build its new library. According to the Whatcom Community Foundation, the project's fiscal sponsor, nearly 75% of the funds for the \$5.1 million dollar facility have been raised. Included in the total is \$250,000 from the City of Ferndale that further leveraged matching dollars from the Foundation and gifts from area residents.

The fervor created by the city's matching funds was impressive: in a two week period that included a snow and wind storm and a major holiday, area residents contributed almost \$100,000 to build the new library.

Foundation President & CEO Mauri Ingram noted, "During the matching campaign there were wonderful stories - gifts from Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, firefighters, families pooling their funds, City leaders and employees, and library staff." She added, "Several people donated more than once, with at least one couple donating *three* times."

According to Ingram, the project will continue to raise money, seeking individual and corporate donors and pursuing opportunities for additional grants. She said she hoped individuals will still donate through the end of the year as they assess their budgets during the holidays. All gifts are tax deductible.

Donations can be made on-line at www.newferndalelibrary.org or by calling the Whatcom Community Foundation 360-671-6463.