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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: SSC Acts on Ferndale Library Match

“Libraries are essential. They are part of the foundation of any vibrant community,” said Paul Razore, CEO of Sanitary Service Company. “Libraries serve many important roles. For some, especially kids, a library can be a second home - a safe and relaxing place to go to after school to learn and connect. SSC proudly supports the local communities we serve. We have been part of the Ferndale community for many years and are pleased to be a partner in helping build this new library. I encourage other businesses and residents to join us with their support.” SSC, a family owned business, was founded in 1929 by Gus Razore, Paul’s father. Gus Razore passed away in 1978 at the age of 83 and is well-remembered for his contributions to the community.

The Whatcom Community Foundation is matching all contributions to the New Ferndale Library capital campaign dollar-for-dollar through December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. “SSC’s generous \$25,000 contribution means \$50,000 for the new library,” noted Foundation CEO Mauri Ingram. “Paul is doing an outstanding job of continuing his father’s legacy. SSC’s generous support of community projects and events is truly impressive.”

The new library will be constructed on Main Street west of Ferndale City Hall. At more than \$2.9 million, the project capital campaign is near 60% of its goal. The estimated cost of the new library, including land acquisition, design, construction, furniture and fixtures, is approximately \$5.1 million. Construction is slated to begin in late 2011.

The economic downturn underscores the library’s value to the Ferndale community. Demand for library services continues to grow. It far exceeds the existing building’s capacity. Between 600 and 1,000 area residents of all ages visit the library *every day*. Users are seeking employment opportunities, honing their job search and other skills, studying, accessing the Internet and more. Library supporters began working with the City of Ferndale and the Whatcom County Library System in 2006 to plan for a new, larger home for the beloved Ferndale institution. The Foundation is the project fiscal sponsor, providing support for the community’s capital campaign, as well as administering the project’s charitable contributions and grant funds. For more information about the new Ferndale Library or to make a contribution online, please visit:

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