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President's Report,

Dear Colleagues,

With the end of the legislative session, the number of activities I have been engaged in as president has declined considerably. I am happy to report that the \$16.5 million in funding for Public Library Construction and Major Expansion Matching Grant Program for projects in Soldotna, Ketchikan, Kodiak, and Skagway were not vetoed by the governor. In addition \$5 million in additional funds for SLAM, the State Library Archives and Museum Project, are in the final budget as well.

- Wrote letters to governor and key legislator's to urge them to resolve the capital budget impasse so as not to endanger the library construction projects..
- Wrote letter to governor in support of \$5M in additional funds for SLAM.
- Participated in another session of the governor's broadband task force. The mission of the taskforce is to encourage adoption of broadband throughout the state.
- Attended ALA Conference in New Orleans, including 1 day workshop for chapter leaders.
- Performed administrative duties, including signing ILC grant forms, writing the President's column for Newspoke, etc.

Thank you,

-Mike Robinson