MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Friends of the Bellingham Public Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment and library materials, support for children’s summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and

Whereas, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and

Whereas, the Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers’ advisory, and children’s services; and

Whereas, the Friends’ gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Mayor Dan Pike, proclaim the week of October 16 through 22, 2011 as:

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

in the City of Bellingham, Washington, and urge everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our libraries and community so much better.

Signed this 7th day of October, 2011.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham