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LIBRARIES THANK TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS

The Everett Public Libraries and Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Jr. recently held a reception for the Library's Technology Partners to recognize the support of businesses, organizations and individuals who have supported the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Challenge Grant. As required, 25% of the costs of the first of a two year project to upgrade computer hardware and services was raised locally through a combination of the donations of the Technology Partners and the Friends of the Everett Libraries' Wine Tasting.

Guests were able to see the results of their generous donations, meet each other and hear about the library's plans for phase two. Gianna D'Angelo represented Dunkin Donuts, Michelle Capone represented the Law Offices of Capone and Capone, and Barbara Nivas represented the Everett Cooperative Bank and Joe Keohane represented Kiwanis of Everett. Other Technology Partners include Distrigas, Schnitzer Northeast, ExxonMobil, Everett Car Service, Rotary Club of Everett, First United Parish and E-Kem Sciences. Library Trustees were represented by Margaret Mitton and Dotty Gomez. The Friends of the Everett Libraries was represented by Camille DiPerri, President; Dotty Gomez, and Marie Tozzi.

Library Director, Deborah Abraham explained that in the first year of the program, the libraries replaced many of its aging machines with computers that have the speed and capacity to meet current needs. It is now much easier to complete applications and submit them over the Internet, download documents and use graphics at the library. A new desktop helps users find the resources needed for academic research and everyday tasks. In the second year the libraries plan to complete the process of replacing old computers, to add computers to reduce waiting time and to update wireless services.

This year, the Gates grant requires a local contribution of 50%. The Gates Foundation will provide a dollar for every dollar raised up to \$9,500. Businesses and Organizations

that are interested in becoming Technology Partners are invited to contact Mrs. Abraham at the Parlin Library. For more information on the Gates Grant or Becoming a Technology Partner please contact: Deb Abraham 617-394-2303.



Pictured: Row 1 left to right: Margaret Mitton, Michele Capone, Dotty Gomez, Deb Abraham. Row 2-Gianna D'angelo, Barbara Nivas, Stacy DeMaria, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Jr. with daughter Alexandra, Camille DiPerri, Marie Tozzi, Joe Keohane.

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