



February 12, 2016

Dear Council Members:

The theme of Marmot Council, April 21-22, 2016 will be **“Marmot: Our Identity, Our Methods, Our Plans”**. Sharon Morris, Director of Library Development at the State Library, will facilitate an agenda spanning two half-days at the Rifle Branch Library. (Thanks, GCPLD!)

- Thursday, April 21, 1p – 8p
- Friday, April 22, 8a – noon

Some of you will recall that Sharon facilitated Council 2012, where we began a process that resulted in a “Marmot Strategic Plan 2012-2015”. This year we’d like to keep discussions more focused on the big picture. The Board met with Sharon and identified five desirable outcomes for Council 2016:

- Agreement on Marmot identity: vision, mission, values
- Common understanding of Marmot budget, strategic methods, and decision-making processes
- Plan for 2016-2019 growth: services, members, and partners
- Stronger membership through networking
- New board member(s)

A few brief documents will be distributed to you by April 1—please review these before the meeting itself.

The attached agenda begins with a “Directors Dash” of 1-to-2-minute reports. Please plan to introduce yourself and talk about how Marmot benefits your library. The attached FAQ is should answer most questions about this meeting, but contact me at 970-242-3331 x119 or Lori Barnes at 970-479-2184 x6 if you have any other questions or concerns.

See you soon in beautiful Garfield County!

Jimmy Thomas