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Dear Martin

Recently I had a meeting with Mark Thres and David Ryan from Southend library regarding the Video Access Library. Things are not developing as well as they might, with little increase in use on the first year. Still, both Mark and David are confident and enthusiastic and I am hopeful that the situation will improve.

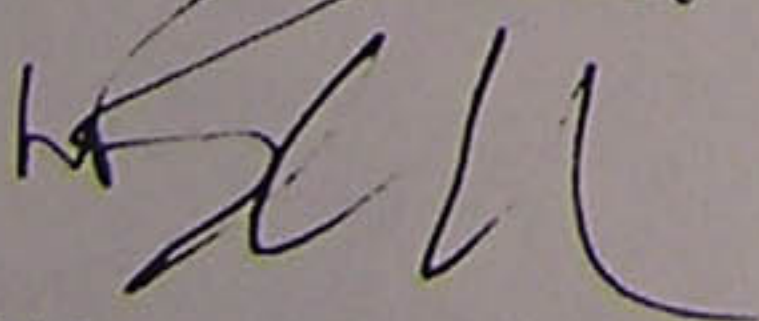
I suggested a number of ideas for promoting the facility, including a travelling exhibition and a survey of users and non-users. They indicated that they expected a small budget for the purchase of non-Arts Council material for inclusion in the access library. They are determined to broaden the collection, which seems a good idea.

At our last formal meeting with representatives of Southend library, when you, myself and Elizabeth MacGregor were present, you indicated a number of ways that you thought Eastern Arts might contribute. Two in particular that I recall were the establishing of a centre for media education as part of the access library's activities and the other the creation of a regional repository of independent work supported by Eastern Arts. I was wondering if plans are progressing, or have unforeseen difficulties occurred? I would appreciate a discussion with you.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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