

Hennepin County Library
Officially Withdrawn (OW)
An organization for retired and former library employees/staff

February 23, 2016, Minutes
Edina Library

Present: Lisa Bjerken, Rose Bergstrom Burke, Jan DeSirey, Carol Dosse, Bill Erickson, Jan Feye-Stukas, Cathy Fischer, Joann Frankena, Dave Ingham, Carol LeDuc, Lin Maki, Helen McNulty, Fifi Mattill, Pat Palahniuk, David Smith, Marcia Willett, Carol Woodward, Gretchen Wronka, Cathy Zook

Carol LeDuc called the meeting to order at about 9:45. Treasurer Pat Kulseth was absent and Carol read the Treasure's report. Balance on hand is \$2168.88

Gretchen Wronka spoke to the group and passed around flyers about the First Annual Officially Withdrawn Children's Book Review Meeting, which will be held on April 21 from 10 a.m. until noon in the RHR meeting room at Ridgedale Library. All are invited to do a book review at the meeting and those interested should contact Wendy Woodfill (wwoodfill@gmail.com) by April 10.

Cathy Fischer brought along a number of photos from past HCL activities and asked those present to help identify people in the photos, which are in the Archives. In April the Archive group will be given a tour of Special Collections at Minneapolis Central by Ted Hathaway.

Jan Feye-Stukas is part of the committee that will be putting together the 125th anniversary celebration of MLA in Duluth, to be held in the Fall of 2016. Gretchen Wronka is also on the committee and mentioned they will have much info there about the formation of MLA, plus "selfies" of favorite MLA memories.

Gretchen also mentioned she had been to the launching of Michael McConnell and Jack Baker's book *The Wedding Heard Round the World: America's First Gay Marriage*. The group discussed inviting Michael to our next meeting in May, to talk about his journey to getting this book published.

Stay tuned for the date and place of the May annual meeting. Also watch for the introduction of the new HCL "Cold Fusion" version of the catalog online.

Group members contributed the following recommendations for reading.

Kushner, Rabbi Harold	Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life
Kalanithi, Paul	When Breath Becomes Air
Sullivan, Caryn	Bitter or Better
Kidd, Sue Monk	The Invention of Wings
Macdonald, Helen	H is for Hawk
Jones, Patrick	high-interest/low vocab. Books for teens
Leon, Donna	any of her Commissario Guido Brunetti mysteries
Hayes, Terry	I am Pilgrim
Gawande, Atul	Being Mortal
Wilkerson, Isobel	The Warmth of Other Suns
Innes, Michael	Inspector Appleby mysteries (Paper Thunderbolt, etc.)
Jonasson, Jonas	The One-Hundred Year Old Man who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared
Wier, Andy	The Martian
Galbraith, Robert	Cuckoo's Calling; Silkworm; Career of Evil (JK Rowling)
Lovett, Charlie	First Impressions
Doerr, Anthony	All the Light We Cannot See
Gilbert, Elizabeth	The Signature of All Things
Bryson, Bill	A Walk in the Woods
Simsion, Graeme	The Rosie Project
Ellis, Mary Relindes	Bohemian Flats
Sacks, Oliver	Gratitude
Nutt, Amy Ellis	Becoming Nicole

Haruf, Kent	Our Souls at Night
Molliner, Sara	The Whispering City
Myers, Steven Lee	The New Tsar: Rise and Reign of Vladimir Putin
Hodgman, George	Bettyville: a Memoir
Evison, Jonathan	This is Your Life, Harriet Chance
Rothschild, Hannah	The Improbability of Love
Boyd, Gregory	The Myth of a Christian Nation
Smiley, Jane	Some Luck; Early Warning; Golden Age
Wall, Carol	Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening
Walker, Karen T.	The Age of Miracles
Schroff, Laura	An Invisible Thread
DeBernieres, David	Dust that Falls from Dreams
Haruf, Kent	his Colorado stories
Doig, Ivan	Last Bus to Wisdom

Dave Ingham is continuing his project of visiting each county in Minnesota, where he takes photos of libraries, visits any law libraries, and sees/photographs historic sites that are on the National Register of Historic Places. He is recording his travels on this site: daveingham.shutterfly.com

Those attending also shared information about their book clubs, volunteer activities, and places they have been/plan to travel to soon, which range from NY City, Florida, London, Mexico, Jersey City and San Antonio to Argentina/Antarctica

The group extends their sympathy to our member Robert Rohlf, whose wife Joan passed away in February. We know he would appreciate hearing from friends.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am by Carol LeDuc.