

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Officially Withdrawn (OW)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

September 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Roger Burg, Sharon Charles, Cathy Chastek, Pat Chisenhall, Vicki Dunn, Linda Engberg, Bill Erickson, Jane Frymire, Linda Jennings, Janet Kinney, Chuck Kritzler, Pat Kulseth, Carol LeDuc, Sandy Louis, Phyllis Mattill, Donna Meade, Vicki Oeljen, Glenn Peterson, Doris Skalstad, Sharyll Smith, Janice Feye Stukas, David Waldemar, Marcia Wattson, Carol Woodward

Guest: Lois Langer Thompson, Library Director

Carol LeDuc, co-chair of the OW Board (along with Carol Woodward) called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Carol introduced our guest speaker, Lois Langer Thompson, Library Director, with the request for Lois to review her library work history, which she did:

- 1986 - sub at MPL central (Minneapolis History Collection and Business & Government (right after library school)
- New Ullm Public Library (1987-1988)
- Youth Services Librarian - Westonka - 1988
- Various positions in HCL - Maple Grove: Penn Lake/Oxboro/Augsburg Park: Penn Lake; Eden Prairie; Associate Director; and Library Director (Feb., 2009)

Lois then talked about HCL in 2013 and beyond

1) new Hours framework: adding 249 hours of service per week/system wide - a huge improvement that makes hours more standard and allows for some cost savings through staffing adjustments

(for detailed information on this improvement, go to the bottom right hand side of the HCL website home page and click on Newsroom)

2) completely redesigned website in 2014

3) 10 capital plan implementation - with each library "touched" at least once every 10 yrs

4) library classification project (Dewey to LC) is ahead of schedule

5) while circulation is down due to constraints put in place (limit on reserves, etc.), additional resources are being applied to the collection as they become available (reducing reserves ration from 10/1 to 5/1 - or even 3/1

6) working with MELSA and ALA to expand access to ebooks

In response to questions, Lois said: a) *HCL CONNECT* is an in-house publication and will not be made available to OW; however, news of retirements and should be available; b) an Administrative Contact person will be named to be the official conduit for OW on questions and issues; c) OW input on issues is valued and more effective ways of communication will be developed.

Lois did a great job of updating us on HCL and dealt with each question candidly and succinctly.

FEBRUARY, 2014 Meeting: Purely social - no program (based on the success of the 2013 February meeting) -- time and place to be determined --all will be notified.

Current Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand: \$1553.23

NOTE: To access the Officially Withdrawn website, go directly to: www.hclow.net - the extranet is no longer available on the HCL homepage.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Engberg, Secretary