

Hennepin County Library

Officially Withdrawn (OW)

An organization for retired and former library employees/staff

September 17, 2015 Minutes

Ridgedale Library

Present: Phyllis Bofferding, Roger Burg, Roseanne Byrne, Pat Chisenhall, Carol Dosse, Vicki Dunn, Linda Engberg, Jan Feye-Stukas, Cathy Fischer, Joann Frankena, Dave Ingham, Janet Kinney, Pat Kulseth, Carol LeDuc, Fifi Mattill, Rosalind Reisner, Lee Schubert, Doris Skalstad, Sharyll Smith, Julie Wallace, David Waldemar, Carol Woodward
Guest: Lois Langer Thompson, Library Director

Welcome/Introductions: Carol LeDuc called the meeting to order at approximately 9:50 a.m. She explained our annual tradition of inviting Library Director Lois Langer Thompson, to provide an overview of HCL, and Lois's gracious annual acceptance.

Lois Langer Thompson:

Handouts to all: 2014 Story; bookmarks, buttons

- 2016 Budget: directed to request no more than 2%; requested 6.5% - optimistic that it might be possible
- Buildings: new Brooklyn Park in 2016; Weber Park, groundbreaking in 2016, open in 2017; new Southeast in 2019 (no location as of now)
- 249 open hours per week at no increase in personnel budget (400,000 more visits in 2014 over 2013: more hours=more visits)
- Collection budget: working to get back to 2010 budget
- Implement new Law Library strategic plan (Lois appointed acting Law Library director in 2014)
- Southdale: service center moving to Southdale Shopping Center; courts moving to Bloomington; no decision yet on Library; involving community

- Circulation: pulled renewals from count; now fewer than 1 million circ in most buildings
- Golden Valley temporary closing: unstable walls; renovation finished in January, 2016
- Wayzata closing for updating, October & November, 2015
- HCL & Cedar Riverside area: 40% of population is 18-24 years old (predominately male); very high unemployment; 50% rely on public transportation (area is on two light rail lines); heavily Somali; ISIS recruitment area; received \$97,000 LSTA grant to extend library service to the area (including the hiring of two community liaisons to help identify what is needed in terms of library service); workforce centers with library twist; Early Childhood Education: cultural differences; play/learn vs. literacy; family interactions huge impact
- Diversity & Inclusion: County workforce has 23% diversity, HCL has 10%;
- Friends Groups: working to build better relations with each local group

Audience Questions:

- Website: popular feature is "Did you know?" - (upper right hand side of homepage); Lois will check to see if it is cumulative
- Would HCL ever use lockers for reserves pickup (like Carver & Washington Counties): *too big, too many reserves*
- Annual report does not give line item for Friends contribution or major gifts (incentive): *Will pursue - good idea*
- Bicycles & Libraries - doing around country, has HCL pursued? *recognize need to reach individuals where they are; nowhere yet in MN but worth pursuing; certainly a Risk Management issue*
- Is anything happening with sign outside Central? *no*
- Any contact with new director at Guthrie? *partnerships being pursued; Legacy Fund providing much more opportunity for partnering*

Finally: Library is the only opt-in service in the County!

Treasurer's Report: (Pat Kulseth)

Balance on May, 14, 2015	\$2,000.62
Income	
Dues	250.00
Expenses (stamp for deposits)	12.94

Balance on September 17, 2015 \$2,237.68

New Business:

- Proposal to ask Dulcey Heller (current HCL staff) to present a program for interested OW members on the HCL website, catalog, special collections, e-book use, etc. Approved.
 - C. Fischer moved OW provide a \$100.00 honorarium to the Friends of HCL with designation to the Minnetonka Library for programs in appreciation for Dulcey Heller's presentation; J. Wallace 2nd; approved.
 - L. Engberg will contact Dulcey Heller re: date & location; all will be informed
- To avoid schedule conflicts, 1st meeting in 2016 is planned for Thursday, February 18th. C. LeDuc will coordinate the meeting; format will be similar to previous Feb. meetings (sharing of books, movies, travels, etc.)
- R. Burg has proposed we do an HCL trivia quiz; P. Kulseth suggested it could be done online. C. LeDuc will talk with R. Burg re: details.

Prize for most distance travelled to reach this meeting went to : Roz Reisner - visiting from the East Coast. Roz was originally hired by David Waldemar as a reference librarian at Southdale.

For future meetings, C. LeDuc urged each of us to 'bring one' (retired HCL staff person) & introduce them to OW.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Engberg, Secretary