

Hennepin County Library

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An organization for retired and former library employees/staff

September 21, 2016 Minutes Brooklyn Park Library

Present (members & guests): Bill Asp, Lisa Bjerken, Melissa Brechon, Roger Burg, David Cramer, Pat Chisenhall, Linda Engberg, Joann Frankena, Jeannette Freed, Fran Jones, Pat Kulseth, Laurie Lazinski, Carol LeDuc, Bob Rohlf, David Smith, Kathy Steward, Julia Wallace
Speaker: Lois Langer Thompson, Library Director

Welcome/Introductions: Carol LeDuc called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. Patron Experience Supervisor (Senior Librarian), Kathryn Zimmerman greeted us and gave an overview of this new Brooklyn Park Library (which had its grand opening on June 23, 2016). It is 39,000 square feet (old BP was 15,000 square feet); has 11 meeting rooms (largest holds groups up to 70); 20 types of software and a recording studio in the teen-focused tech center; and the STEM Family Play and Learn area has 8 play/learn elements. The library is open 69 hours/7days a week; it has 78 public computers; there is an enhanced ATM handling system, and 2 pieces of public art, including a bike rack for up to 24 bikes, and parking for 190 cars. Since opening, the library has been extremely busy (often counting more than 200 people in the building at one time). Partnering with North Hennepin Community College is in full force (it is less than a block away). Staffing patterns are somewhat different: there are 2 Patron Experience Supervisors (Kathryn and Michelle Lewis), who share supervisory responsibilities for all aspects of the library and there is increased utilization of Associate Librarians. The old building, at 8600 Zane Ave North, is still vacant, with no announced plan for its future. An exciting development is the coming of light rail, which will have a stop directly behind the library. (NOTE: check out photos of the BP library on the HCL website).

Treasurer's Report: Pat Kulseth

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| Balance May 12, 2016 | \$2,194.75 |
| Dues | + 485.00 |
| Office Supplies | - 55.27 |
| Balance September 21, 2016 | <u>\$2, 624.48</u> |

Lois Langer Thompson, Library Director:

Handout to all: Strategic Plan 2011-2025 (Reframed for 2016-2020) (note: this document has been added to the end of these minutes)

- 2017 budget recommendation is 102% of 2016 plus merger replacement money; includes 5.2 FTE for Weber Park (opening spring of '17)
- Southeast Library will remain as is; a Ralph Rapson building
- no official word on Southdale future; County is just finishing moving out
- Ridgedale will be refreshed; closing for 6 - 8 months in spring, 2017 (not Administration or Courts, just library)
- Edina will be refreshed (closing for 4-6 months in early, 2017)
- St. Anthony currently closed (opening Dec., 2016)
- Eden Prairie, Hosmer, Oxboro, Southeast are all currently out for Designer Selection (process used to pick which architectural firm will handle the project)

Areas of Focus for Lois:

- Cedar Riverside (most densely populated area in MN) - LSCA \$96,000. grant to go into community & generate library awareness; did pop-up libraries within area
- Diversity/Inclusion: primarily a white staff - working to open up hiring process to all; hiring consultant to assist
- Connect Dads - White House initiative: library cards for all; create change
- Local Friends Groups and Foundation: goal is to raise over \$1,000,000. in 2016-2017

Questions for Lois:

- MN LINK - what happened to it? *Check out Online Resources - MN LINK. You will be directed to MNLINK Discovery (new)*
- What's happening to old BP building? *Nothing happening right now; will keep for now (may be storage for Rd collection during closed time)*
- Impact of conversion to LC from Dewey? *Public seems fine with it; mostly a staff issue (kids using MPL over the years have had to go back & forth between the two)*
- Impact of e-books? *Balancing out; print, electronic, audio, all exist together*
- Library Board? *Currently 11 members; their most important work is still on policy, especially the Materials Selection Policy*
- County Board? *Very positive about the library (almost all are library users)*
- Coming up on 10th anniversary of the new Minneapolis Central Library (event to celebrate is November 5, 2016), still no building sign indicating it is the **Minneapolis Central Library** - original merger agreement called for defining sign on this building. *Will pass concern along*
- Where are all the videos from programs like "Kids Like You"? *Not sure*

Announcements:

- Melissa Brechon announced she will be editing Bob Rohlf's papers from his library career and these will be digitized in the Special Collections unit at Minneapolis Central. Ultimately, there will be access to these materials from the HCL catalog.

Next Meeting will be in February, 2017 (social/book oriented): Date & Location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Engberg, Secretary