

Dakota County Library Board
August 13, 2009
5:30 pm
Dakota County Farmington Library

Present: Ms. Zenk, Mr. Larsen, Mr. Olson, Ms. Kes, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Duling

Library Staff: Ken Behringer, Library Director; Roseanne Byrne, Deputy Director; Kathy Peterson, admin staff; Lee Schubert, Central Cluster Manager; Mary Scheide, Cluster Manager I

Other County Representatives: Tom Novak, PS&R

President Olson called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda: (item 4) Two corrections in the minutes of the July meeting were noted. Ms. Peterson will correct them and have the minutes ready for posting. Mr. Larsen moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Behringer noted that the contract with 3M for the maintenance of self-checks and security gates is coming due and will be higher than last year. This is due to warranty periods ending for a number of self-check machines purchased in 2006-2007. The September bill list will include a \$52,997.07 invoice for this service.

Director's Report: (item 5) Mr. Behringer reported that Library Community Connections and County Communications have been working together to implement the branding initiative. Items of importance to the library continue to be raised such as the development of branded templates, the number and quality of bookmarks and the production of booklist fliers to have available at the desk. Ms. Byrne said that important details continue to surface such as the attractive, yet expensive, master calendar, the "Come to Know" brochure and the less expensive, cheaper versions of hours and maps. Staff orientation sessions are planned and everyone is still working to determine the best means to implement the full branding plan.

The library has received a \$21,400 award from Dakota-Scott Workforce to hire temporary employees for shelving help during the summer. Thirteen have been hired and most are working out very well. The money for this program will be expended by the end of the calendar year. Ms. Byrne followed up on a similar federally funded program, administered at the state level, which provides resources to hire qualified seniors to do similar work. It is hoped that money can be found to hire shelving support in order to keep up with the ever-increasing circulation loads DCL is experiencing.

The 2009 Legislature requested that the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) provide a review of public library structures and funding in Minnesota. Mr. Behringer said that he is impressed with the staff that is leading the OLA study. If any Library Board members are interested in providing comments, they may do so. He would put them in touch with appropriate OLA personnel. Once the report is released, it will be shared with Library Board members.

The Minnesota Library Association will be holding its Annual Conference in St. Cloud October 14-16. If any Library Board members are interested in attending, they can let Mr. Behringer or Ms. Peterson know and the library will make all registration arrangements.

Mr. Behringer distributed the email he sent on behalf of the Library Board in response to the person who found noise levels in the libraries excessive. Library Board members said they believed it conveyed the spirit of their conversation at the July meeting.

Mary Scheide welcomed Board members to the Farmington Library. She said that Summer Reading Clubs have a record number of participants, including teen members. She provided board members with a copy of an article done by the local paper on Andrew Cook, a Librarian at Farmington, and the new teen advisory board that is being launched. Staff has been working with Community Action Counsel helping to identify and prepare students for reading success in school. She said Farmington has a very full schedule coming up for Fall.

(item 6.a.) Update on Remodeling of Discussions for the Burnhaven Library: Mr. Behringer reported that there is "no news" and that the issue will go back to AF&P in September. Both he and Mr. Novak felt that, with

the passage of time and the proper presentation of sequence that the County Board would approve the recommended version. Mr. Novak reiterated the favorable partnership between a library and a license center.

(item 6.b.) Continuation of Budget Discussions for 2010: Mr. Behringer reported that there was little new information since the July meeting about projections for the 2010 budget. Since no new targets have been announced, he anticipates initial Finance Department numbers for the 2010 budget will be based on a 5.25% decrease in personnel costs from 2009 budgeted levels and 0% increase on everything else.

(Item 6.c.) Update on Technology-based Service Improvements: Mike Turbes and Maureen Gormley updated the board on recent technology-based programs and services that are now available to the public with DCL cards. "Brainfuse" is a homework rescue online tutoring center where students can get live one-on-one help with their assignments. "AquaBrowser" is catalog browser that makes the catalog look much more like a typical internet search engine. MELSA felt it was important to keep as consistent a look as possible from library system to library system. "360 Search" is a federated search tool that allows a user to search multiple databases at once and then display all the results together.

Mr. Behringer thanked Mike and Maureen and their staff for their patience and hard work in getting all these things up and running.

(item 6.d.) Request for Reconsideration: *And Tango Makes Three:* After discussion and reading the staff recommendation, Ms. Zenk moved and Ms. Kes seconded a motion that *And Tango Makes Three* remain in the collection. Motion passed unanimously.

Other: Ms. Byrne reported on the upcoming "Grandparents" programs that will take place in September. She mentioned a very positive comment card from a daycare provider who appreciated the programs for children and that an amateur film, filmed at Wescott had won the grand prize award in a young adult contest.

The City of Rosemount intends to provide a piece of public art (outside) the Robert Trail Library. Ms. Zenk is on the committee that will eventually commission the piece and she will report to the Library Board as the process moves forward. The committee is starting the process of commissioning an object that may reflect a consistent theme throughout the City of Rosemount. The piece ultimately selected by the committee must be reviewed by county, city and library officials. Ms. Zenk said she would keep the Board updated on the progress of the project.

There were no other items to discuss or questions.

Ms. Zenk moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 10, at Galaxie Library.

Don Olson, Library Board President

Anita Kes, Library Board Secretary