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DIRECTOR'S REPORT JULY 2016

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

NEW SERVICES:

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

New Library Logo: We have been working closely with Hot Pink Inc. to develop a new logo for the library. Last month we showed you the two logos we narrowed the search down to. We have since asked the public to weigh in both here at the library and through our website and social media. Overwhelmingly, the public is in favor of the starburst, so we will be adopting that as our new logo. We are planning to roll out the new logo in September.

Strategic Planning: Malcom Chapman's firm began the process of strategic planning with the staff on June 1 and will continue on June 13 and 14. Then he will continue with meetings with the public.

Since we will need a strategic plan in order to continue our exemplary accreditation status through the State Library (the paperwork of which is due at the end of August of this year), I have updated the current strategic plan and am asking the board to extend that strategic plan until 2017. We expect Malcom to present us with a new strategic plan by the end of this year, but do not wish to rush the production of that document due to the application for accreditation. The document is being provided to you this month.

Library Redesign: We have been working closely with AcV2 Architecture to come up with a plan for implementing a bookstore model in the library, and incorporating some other changes that will be planned for the next few years. We planned to do these preliminary changes in conjunction with getting a new rug in the library that was in the budget for this year. [see posters]

Retirements: Ailser Snyder, a member of our Customer Service Specialist group, has tended her letter of retirement effective July 30.

Mindy Peterson left library employment on July 4 in order to move closer to her family in Oregon. She brought a professional presence to the library and she will be missed.



Amber Tjeerdsma gave her resignation to the library. Her last day was July 4.

Children's Librarian: We advertised this position and interviewed a number of candidates, both internal and external. Though each individually had some good qualities, no one candidate exhibited the qualities we were looking for. We will be reposting the job for another month.

Director's Retreat: I attended an all-day department director's retreat on June 24 at the Civic Center held by the mayor. Another retreat is planned for late in October.

New Truck: We have finally received delivery of our new truck. We will be having it fitted for a lift gate on the back and a plow for the front.

Ukulele U: We held our first of four sessions for teaching people how to play the ukulele. We had 15 ukuleles for use and the session was fully booked by Monday morning.

Chaos Maker Festival reminder: July 30, the second annual Chaos Maker Festival will be going on in the street between the Library and the Dahl. Please mark your calendars.