RAMSEY COUNTY Library

DIRECTOR'S REPORT June 2017

Staff Updates: Hired: Ellen Callet, Library Page, White Bear Lake
Shawn Reed, Library Page, Shoreview

Important Dates: All libraries are closed July 4. RCL migrates its ILS to SaaS June 27 & 28; some services will be limited. The County Board hearing of the Library's service team budget is August 15, 1:00-4:00.

Summer Reading Program—SRP kicked off with a bang at the June 10th *Make It Festival* for kids and teens. Kudos to the RCL Children's Team and Teen Services staff who have produced a bounty of opportunities all summer for kids and teens to read, explore, and create. Thanks to Pa Na Lor and Kristi Saksvig for designing our dynamic SRP catalog, reading records, and activity booklets. We look forward to seeing the libraries teeming with kids, teens, animals, performers, and more this summer!

MN Writes, MN Reads—With MELSA support, RCL and other metro libraries have launched MN Writes, MN Reads. This online platform fosters self-publishing and reading of e-books by Minnesota authors. It provides tools to design and publish e-books that are accessible locally and nationally.

Meal Program at MP—Maplewood Library is a site for the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Children 18 and under may have a cold lunch and/or an afternoon snack. Meals are provided through an agreement with Youthprise, a nonprofit organization working with youth in the Twin Cities.

Shoreview Library—The Art Committee has selected and installed new art for the library with funding from the Friends' capital campaign. Pieces include a landscape photograph near the entrance, by Jim Radford; pottery near the reference desk, by Paul Gaston; paintings in the children's area, by Emmy White; and a painting in the community program room, by Yudong Shen. We have more art to come, as well as a final order of furnishings and supplies that will move this project closer to completion.

Unlimited 2017, by Yudong Shen

Capital Planning—I have discussed with the County Manager the Library's intent to develop a 5-year capital plan. I will work with Property Management and Library staff to explore options for hiring a consultant to develop this plan. We will bring a proposal to fund a consultant's work to the Capital Improvement Program Citizen's Advisory Committee (CIPAC) and the County Board. At a future library board meeting, I will propose a timeline, process, and team to guide this work.

IT Consolidation—Ramsey County Human Resources is finalizing new job descriptions to present in the first week of July to Library staff who are currently responsible for IT functions.

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