



## **ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT**

*from Ann B. Hutton, Executive Director – September 2008*

### **DELIVERY SERVICE EXPANDED!**

- SELCO added extra delivery stops at 16 public libraries starting September 3. Each public library that didn't already receive five days of delivery a week was given the choice of adding one or two additional days of delivery or staying at their current number of delivery days. Three libraries opted to remain at three day per week service but may increase the number of stops in the future.

### **SELCO – WABASHA COUNTY AGREEMENT**

- Working within the levy limits set by the Minnesota Legislature during the 2008 session, Wabasha County agreed to 3.9% increases in funding support during the life of a new contract, 2009 – 2011. This agreement was reached during a September 8 meeting in which I participated with Steven Robertson, Plainview City Administrator, Michele McCaughtry, Wabasha Public Library Director, David Johnson, Wabasha County Administrator, Commissioner Gene McNallan, and County Finance Director, Debbie Koenig.
- The contract will go first to the County Board for approval and signing, then library board approval by the four libraries receiving Wabasha County funding, and final signing by SELCO.

### **PERSONNEL**

- Robert Olson accepted SELCO's job offer and joined the staff on September 15 as part-time Delivery & ILL Assistant 2. This additional staff member will fill the hours formerly worked by John Geers, who opted for partial, early retirement and fewer delivery-ILL hours.

### **FY 2008 AUDIT**

- The independent accounting firm, Smith Shaffer, completed the audit field work in August and will present final reports to the Finance Committee in early October. The Finance Committee will share the audit findings at the October quarterly board meeting.

### **KSMQ – AMERICORP – SELCO BOOK CHARACTER PROGRAM**

- Through a grant from South East Minnesota Foundation, KSMQ and AmeriCorp will bring Clifford-the Big Red Dog as a walk-about character to local libraries for a special children's time with parents. The public libraries in Austin, Cannon Falls, Dodge Center, LeRoy, Preston, Spring Grove, Stewartville, and Wabasha will receive a lively program on social-emotional development of children and the impact on emergent learning skills for early literacy.
- Children's books will be shared with the families and provided to the library for check-out as parents log reading time with their children over the following weeks.
- SELCO is serving as the point of contact and will host the kick-off meeting.