



ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

FROM ANN B. HUTTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – JUNE 2008

SESQUICENTENNIAL BANNER

- Representatives from SELCO, the Northfield Public Library, and East Central Regional Library participated in the official Statehood Day celebration on May 11. Nick Dimassis, ECRL Assistant Director, and I presented the banners that toured Minnesota libraries for the past year to Governor Pawlenty. For festive pictures, check:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/selco/sets/72157605022571910/>

END-OF TERM AND OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

- As part of continuing to gather information for the Structure Study, the Structure Blog has information describing how regional libraries recognize outgoing board members.
<http://www.selco.info/blogs/structure/archive/2008/06/02/board-member-recognition>

PERSONNEL

- Supervisors and staff completed work on annual personnel evaluations including review of all job descriptions.
- The job ad for a new Technology Support Librarian, as proposed in the joint SELCO/SELS Technology Plan, has been posted to numerous web job boards. At this time, 11 applications have been received. Candidate review will begin June 24 and the position will remain open until filled.
- There are two new temporary positions tied to the Chatfield Brass Band and Music Lending Library LSTA project. Eight strong applications for cataloging librarian were submitted and three candidates will be interviewed July 1 and 2. These positions will be project specific, July 2008 – September 2009.

POSSIBLE NEW LIBRARY IN LONSDALE

- Elected officials in Lonsdale contacted Northfield Public Library Director, Lynne Young, about the possibility of opening a new library in Lonsdale. Lynne, Michael Scott and I have participated in two planning meetings. As being discussed, the new site would be managed by Northfield and SELCO would apply for LSTA grant funds to automate this “branch” location.

LSTA PROJECTS WINDING DOWN AND RAMPING UP

- The last program for the Senior Digital Audiobooks project was held in Preston with great attendance at a senior community potluck luncheon. The digital audiobooks, *PlayAways*, are proving popular at the 14 participating libraries and all titles are available for interlibrary loan.
- All of the Rural Sustainability videos have been posted to the website enabling those who attended the programs and those who missed the local sessions access to the full content.
- The “go-live” date for Crossroads College and Pillsbury Baptist Bible College is set for June 17. Over 62,000 new bibliographic records were created by the LSTA cataloging team.
- Regional Librarian, Mollie Pherson, visited the two new school Online Libraries, Chatfield Elementary and Ridgeway Community, as they concluded their school year. Each successfully went live on SELCO’s integrated system during the school year.
- Planning discussions are underway with the Chatfield Brass Band and Music Lending Library so that we can “hit-the-ground running” when the grant project begins on July 1.