



Summary of Minnesota Regional Library Practices Recognizing Outgoing Board Members *May 2008*

Arrowhead Library System (ALS)

At the May Annual Dinner, ALS recognizes outgoing Board members who will have completed the statutory maximum of three, three-year terms with a certificate of appreciation and a gift card or a gift certificate.

At their final Board meeting in June, ALS serves a cake decorated with the names of the outgoing Board members.

When a former ALS Board member passes away and they have served three, three-year terms on the Board, ALS purchases a book as a memorial for their "home" public library.

East Central Regional Library (ECRL)

ECRL has no formal or consistent recognition for outgoing board members.

Great River Regional Library (GRRL)

GRRL presents each outgoing Board member with a certificate.

Kitchigami Regional Library KRL)

KRL has no formal or consistent recognition for outgoing board members.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL)

Board members completing a 3, 6, or 9 years (1, 2 or 3 terms) are given a small plaque or a small clock. The plaque indicates years of service and any offices held/committees. The small desk clock is engraved with their name/years of service. The Board President presents these at the Nov. Full Board meeting. If the person is unable to attend, the gift is delivered at a later date. If Board members leave mid term, they receive a thank you.

Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)

Sends thank you notes.

North Country Library Cooperative (NCLC)	Serve cake at their last meeting, and Board members receive a note expressing appreciation for their service on the board.
Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN)	
Northwest Regional Library (NWRL)	NWRL presents out-going Board members with an NWRL mug.
Pioneerland Library System (PLS) Plum Creek Library System (PCLS)	PCLS has no formal or consistent recognition for outgoing board members.
Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (SAMMIE)	Does not have a standard approach, except to say thank you.
Southeaster Libraries Cooperating (SELCO) and Southeast Library System (SELS)	SELCO/SELS provides each outgoing member with a certificate of appreciation and a small lapel pin from ALA that either says "READ" or "LIBRARY" (depending upon what is in stock.) These are distributed at the July Annual meeting and the President reviews each member's participation on organizational committees. If the Board Member is in attendance – they get a round of applause. In not present, their efforts are acknowledged and the items are mailed to them with a thank you letter.
Traverse des Sioux Library System (TdS)	TdS gives bookends to all outgoing regional library staff and board members. The bookends are presented to the board members at their last meeting
Viking Library System (VLS)	VLS presents each outgoing Board member with a very nice certificate.