

MEMORANDUM

TO: NSLS Board of Directors
FROM: Sarah Ann Long
DATE: May 8, 2009
RE: Self Nomination for Noreen Lake

Name: Noreen Lake
Library Type: Public
I am the representative of the Des Plaines Public Library

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Employer Name:

What community service activities have you been involved in?

I have been on the Des Plaines Public Library Board for 8 years. I was on the Keep Des Plaines Beautiful Commission for 8 years. I was a Trustee for the Des Plaines Healthy Community Partnership Foundation. I am a trustee for the Des Plaines Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. I am active in all programs that the Des Plaines VFW promotes. Active in Mayoral Campaign. Help about every 6 weeks for the weekly meal for "those in need" at a local church.

What leadership roles have you held?

I have been President of the DPPL for 6 years. I am the Coordinator of the VFW Support the Troops program. I was awarded the City of Des Plaines Good neighbor award. I am listed in the Marquis Who's Who in American Women. Mayoral Campaign Treasurer. And the kitchen supervisor when we do the dinner for the needy. (we usually have 30 helpers on those evenings) I am also the author of two Governor's Home Town Award applications, which both went on to win the award.

What activities have you been involved in relating to libraries and library services?

Library Trustee for 8 years. Was President when there was a major problem with filtering at the DPPL. Have strongly encouraged my fellow trustees to go to more

training classes. Have encouraged board members to think forward and be progressive with ideas and thoughts. Have encouraged working with other organizations for projects.

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?

I have raised the level of advocacy since my presidency. We now have wonderful working relationships with all our local, state and federal representatives. Something that did not exist prior to my time on the board. We attend your NSLS Advocacy Legislative Breakfast. We now send trustees to Wash. DC yearly for national Library Legislation Day. Suggested that we give our elected officials library cards to use our library for meetings. Which they now do on a regular basis.

How would you contribute to these roles?

I strongly favor the idea of thinking and sharing ideas. No matter how small, and then spend time expanding on that idea. Sometimes good things come from small ideas.

Paying attention to other peoples comments about libraries and the needs of the community. I am a positive thinker not a negative one. Look for the good, not what is wrong. Continue to work with elected officials, so when they have a question about libraries, they call and ask. I am a team player, and am very supportive of staff members. My background is accounting, so I do bring some financial understanding as well.

In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges facing libraries today?

Libraries need to keep current on what is needed by the public we serve. We need to be fiscally responsible and still provide the highest level of service. We need to let people know that the library is a place to meet, learn, share and be entertained. A fun place!

How long have you served on your local Board?

8 years

When does your current term of office expire?

June, 2011