

North Suburban Library System

MEMORANDUM

TO: NSLS Board of Directors
FROM: Sarah Long
DATE: May 20, 2010
RE: Delivery Service

Background

As you know, NSLS's dire financial situation will only allow the system to continue delivery service at its present levels until May 28, 2010. On Friday, May 14, at the Public Library Directors' forum, the directors formed an impromptu plan to pool library resources and donate towards continued delivery service. Based on NSLS estimates of the cost of delivery and overhead, these monies would continue service for an additional three months. A committee was formed, with Robbie Thomas of Grayslake as its chair. The committee will also investigate how best to continue service at the end of this period.

Forty-five of our 49 public libraries have committed to participating. However, in working on our plan of service and looking at the system standards, we realize that, to avoid jeopardizing future funding, we must continue to meet the minimum delivery standards based on volume. Therefore we must provide delivery two days a week to libraries that have sufficient volume, even if they do not make a donation.

Robbie Thomas as well as NSLS staff will be present at the board meeting to discuss this issue further.

Proposal

It is proposed that the NSLS Board of Directors be prepared to make a resolution that if donations are to be accepted to continue delivery, service at no less than minimum levels will continue to libraries that make no donations.