

Consolidation of Minneapolis Public Libraries and Hennepin County Libraries

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Minneapolis Public Library Board voted on March 7, 2007 and the Minneapolis City Council voted on March 9, 2007 to move forward with the consolidation of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Hennepin County Library into a united library system and to work cooperatively with other parties to develop mutually beneficial implementation plans; and

Whereas, the employees of the Minneapolis Public Library are the heart of this respected and beloved library system and provide excellent service to the public; and

Whereas, in the transition to a united library system, employees of the Minneapolis Public Library should not suffer a loss of total wages; and

Whereas, if the consolidation of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Hennepin County Library is not successful, then in 2009 further cuts to library service and layoffs of library employees are unavoidable;

NOW, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis Public Library Board of Trustees, through Memoranda of Agreement with the exclusive representatives of the employees of the Minneapolis Public Library, will ensure with the financial support of the Library Board in partnership with the City of Minneapolis that employees transferred to Hennepin County in the consolidation of the library systems do not suffer a loss of total wages in the transition to a united library system.

NOW, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis Department of Finance will work cooperatively with the Library Board staff to identify potential funding sources for needed financial support.