

To: Teresa Jensen,
Library Director

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From: Bob Anderson,
Library Board Member

Dear Teresa,

As I previously mentioned to you, I have an idea I would like to present to the board for consideration. My focus is the entire community that our library serves. At present, as you well know, the library is already a dynamic presence here in Northfield and the surrounding area. Technology already has a solid presence, our children are very well served, The entire collection of books, music CD,s , And movies on DVD are both interesting and well received. We needn't fix "what isn't broke". Yet, I have an idea to present to the board for consideration, comment, and discussion.

Picture our inclusive community as a still pond. Now, drop a new idea into the center of this pond, and what happens? News of this idea spreads out from its' moment of impact, like ripples. The ripples radiate, in ever increasing rings, to eventually touch the entire community. This is how I view the living dynamic of what our library could instigate. A few examples of this idea are:

*As I write and illustrate books, my thoughts often go to divergent subjects. One such subject has been, '*Who are the artists among us?*' Give thought to your own friends & neighbors. Do they know of the lifetime - committed visual artists living in and near Northfield? Our board could start such a ball rolling, by arranging for a few of them to present their thoughts and ideas at the library. We all could become involved, each in his or her own way, to plan and execute some sort of event of this nature.

- To expand this subject a bit, put forward another category. '*Who are the authors among us?*' Northfield is not only home to two wonderful colleges, but to a wide range of interested and active writers as well.
- And ... '*Who are the scientists among us?*'
- As well as ... '*Who are the young leaders among us with their eyes on the future?*'
- I could go on, but I think you see some of the possibilities inherent in this approach.

Ideas like this would be an on-going supplement to the fine special programs already actively reaching out to our community. Your thoughts, those of the library staff, and the thoughts of other interested Northfield people, could give life to such ideas, and to help extend our Library's reach.

Sincerely,



Robert Anderson

P.S.: My email address is: boba@terrapintech.com