

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Have you ever had a project that you could never finish? What about at work?- something that no matter how hard you tried you could never make progress. We have had such a project in the library. Redesigning our website has been a process that was started before I started here at Hillside Public Library. This has been a project that has resisted the efforts of so many people. It is a complex job to design a new website and one that involves technical skills. It also requires evaluating many other sites and finding a few that are organized and easy to use. Then it needs to be attractive which requires graphic arts skills and a good eye for design.

Websites today are not static. They do not stay the same but rather new information is added such as new books and DVDs available at the library. Maybe a children's program is developed and placed on the website. Web pages now use software called Content Management Software (CMS). Finding a CMS that is functional and not too technical was a challenge. Once a CMS is decided then the vision of the site designer needs to be put into that CMS. With that done the library staff can add information to the CMS and ultimately our new site. This is where we are at today. Once that process is completed we can make the site available.

When that day comes we will all be very happy. This has been a tougher project than we thought, but it is being completed with the help of many talented people and hard work.

-Douglas Losey

In a hurry to check out a book? Just a Reminder...



Many of you are using the SWAN library card catalog to place holds and see what titles are available at other libraries. If you decide to go to the owning library to pick up a title, instead of placing a hold, call ahead to be sure that the item is available to check out. An item may be showing "on shelf" in the catalog but may not have been re-shelved yet, misfiled, or in the case of a new title-may get checked out before you arrive at the library. Also when you call, ask if the owning library has any borrowing restrictions for non-residents that may prevent you from checking out the item. (e.g. item too new to be checked out by nonresidents)

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