

Press Release

Village of Oak Brook Announces Restructuring and Workforce Reductions at the Oak Brook Public Library

Oak Brook, Illinois (September 15, 2009, 4:30 PM): In light of the Village's challenging financial condition and with the recommendation of the recent Library Associates Companies staffing and services report, the Village of Oak Brook today announced several changes in its Library Department, including the reorganization of its staff. The changes were done mainly through a reduction in force, with the overall restructuring eliminating three full-time and two part-time positions.

David Niemeyer, Village Manager of Oak Brook, commented, "This reduction was difficult because it affects several of our talented and hardworking employees. However, it was necessary as the Village of Oak Brook has not been immune to the effects of the economy and headcount-related expenses needed to be reduced. These reductions are in addition to the other recent cost-cutting initiatives in the workforce that will save the Village more than \$1.5 million per year."

As part of the restructuring that was announced, Sue Madorin was named Acting Library Director effective September 16, 2009, temporarily replacing former Library Director, Meg Klinkow-Hartman. Sue has been the Head of the Youth Services since 1995 and previously served as the Acting Library Director in 2003-04.

"Although there were some significant changes just made, residents of Oak Brook will continue to have the high-quality library services they have come to expect. There will be some bumps along the way as the Village restructures the Library over the next several months, but I am confident that after this transition we will emerge as a healthy and streamlined public library, said Niemeyer.

About the Village of Oak Brook:

Founded in 1958, the Village of Oak Brook is located 20 miles west of downtown Chicago and is in proximity to the junction of Interstates 88, 294, and 290. The Village consists mostly of residential subdivisions, with the exception of the Oak Brook Center shopping mall, other retail and office properties along 22nd Street and Interstate 88. Oak Brook is the home of many corporate offices, most notably, the world headquarters of McDonald's Corporation and the service club organization Lions Clubs International.

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