

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY
RESOLUTION 12-053**

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF JOSIE BARNES PARKER'S TENTH
ANNIVERSARY AS DIRECTOR OF THE ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ann Arbor District Library, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, held in the City of Ann Arbor, on the 19th day of March, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____:

WHEREAS Josie Barnes Parker has served as Director the Ann Arbor District Library for ten years this week, and;

WHEREAS Ms. Parker has provided outstanding leadership in all areas of her work: physical buildings, digital environments, and service. Specifically:

- A new branch library at Malletts Creek opened January 10, 2004; and this branch has received numerous awards for sustainability;
- A new branch library at Pittsfield opened March, 2006;
- A new branch library at Traverwood opened June, 2008; and this branch has won numerous awards;
- All of which earned her an Honorary Affiliate membership in the Michigan chapter of the American Institute of Architects;

WHEREAS enormous increases in use of AADL, exemplified by the following during her tenure:

- increase in circulation from under 2 million to 8.8 million last year;
- increase in cardholders from 87,000 to 112,000, 68% of the district population served;
- increase in program attendance from 45,000 to 67,000;
- increase in people entering AADL buildings from about 1 million to almost 1.8 million;

WHEREAS Ms. Parker has provided ongoing growth and expansion of services for children; expanding opportunities for public use of library buildings; as reflected in

receipt of a *Library Journal* 5 Star Library ranking and Voice of the People Awards presented by the International City/County Management Association;

WHEREAS development of a robust and popular web presence, exemplified by 59 million views of library pages last year; and by popular features such as renewing material and placing holds online;

WHEREAS provision of computer work stations and Wi-Fi in all buildings, enabling those without those services at home to participate in the now-essential world of the web;

WHEREAS provided in 2009 a new home for the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled; also in 2009 negotiated a unique and positive agreement with the *Ann Arbor News* to provide sustainable, permanent access to their archives;

WHEREAS leadership at the state and national levels, exemplified by her service as President of the Michigan Library Association (2007/2008), and this year as Chair of MLA's legislative committee, for which she has often provided compelling testimony about the increased importance of public libraries in a recession and an increasingly digital world; exemplified by her participation in the Digital Public Library planning session and the UNESCO World Forum;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Parker has done all of this while maintaining a balanced budget and fund balance; while developing more efficient and effective organizational structures; and while fostering growth and professional maturity among her staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Ann Arbor District Library offers its hearty and sincere congratulations, and wishes for continued success, to Josie Barnes Parker.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Secretary