



From the Desk of AJ Myers

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Ms. Majorie Haun
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RE: Open Position: Trustee for San Juan County Library System

Dear Marjorie,

Thank you for the opportunity of consideration as Trustee for San Juan County Library System. Often thinking upon how to be of continued service to our community, I was pleasantly surprised when you reached out to me.

I was fortunate to have had parents who strongly encouraged reading. As a child, once a month, Dad or my oldest sister drove us to the County Library. Once we arrived, there was a moment of awe as I looked up and began ascending the broad stairs, leading to beautifully carved double-doors. For I knew, on the other side laid another world open to me. There was such a sense of reverence for not only the physical structure, but more importantly, what lay between the myriad book covers lining every shelf. It was as if mystery, travel, and answers would unfold. My first travel to Egypt, So. America, Africa, and Space was experienced. I learned about science, and amazing discoveries. What a joyful moment when the Library announced a Bookmobile would come to our neighborhood, every Saturday. No longer did we have to endure the long drive to and from the Library. Being a voracious reader meant I could have six (6) different books every single Saturday! About the only time Mom scolded me was when she caught me reading under my bed covers with a flashlight, long after the lights were out. With our \$.10 then \$.25 weekly allowance, after setting aside our tithe, we put 10% into this little bank that looked like an encyclopedia. Mom would shake the book bank and determine whether there was enough to acquire another book for the Encyclopedia set. The set was finally complete after a few years of dropping our coins into that little bank. Mom knew she would find me in the formal living room that contained the precious books, when I was needed. This was one of my favorite places to be.

I chose an appropriate book for each of the children's activities I created as a volunteer for the Grand County Beacon program. When I could not hold the books because of invasive surgeries to both my hands and arms, the children asked if they could hold the books. Then they took turns reading the stories. This was a welcome mile-stone for these young students.

I have been writing from an early age. Some of my poetry transitioned into hymns played and sung by the Church choir. As an adult, my writing continues in various genres. Several have been published. I feel much of the reverence and awe of actually holding a book, smelling the pages as the ink rises to the nostrils while reading, has been lost. eBooks and CD medias are important for a number of reasons; however, this can never replace the passion felt while holding a book tight to the chest because one is incredibly moved by what lay between the covers.

Am I the best fit for what you are looking for? I don't know. What I can tell you, is my love for what the Library can do for a community...sharing my passion of discovery after reading an amazing book.

From the Heart,
Annette Myers

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