

1. **Centennial:** You will have heard about the rousing attendance at the January 30<sup>th</sup> Carnegie Centennial Concert featuring the Carleton Chinese Music Ensemble and the Chinese School's chorus as a bonus performance! We learned a lot about how to set up and serve for the next concert. I will be badgering members to help with the 5 PM set up, since no one has yet volunteered to help with that. We learned that starting at 5 is good enough, and it takes about half an hour.

An updated schedule has been enclosed, which shows that Meredith Fiercke, Northfield singer and songwriter or SXSW fame will be performing in June. We are hoping to find a Latino musician or group to play in July. October remains our ace-in-the-hole for one more diverse booking.

2. **PR:** KYMN radio is conducting monthly interviews about the library, its centennial and services. Mary Rossing and I appeared in January. Leesa Wisdorf will talk about children's services, programs and resources on Feb. 11 at 8:40 AM. Again, I will be approaching board and FOL members and representative folk from the community to fill the monthly slots on designated topics. Please pick up even if you see my name on your caller ID. Thanks!
3. **Fundraising:** Lynn Giovanelli of Library Strategies is working on a case statement that the study group will review for content and impact at their March meeting. They intend to interview in May and report their findings to the library board by our June 9 meeting, which we will, in turn, report to the City Council.
4. **St. Olaf study?** Chris Chiappari and Nate Jacobi of St. Olaf may conduct a student academic civic engagement study during spring 2010 on the economic impact of the public library and perhaps NHS and NAG on the downtown commercial district. We will see if students are sufficiently intrigued to tackle this issue in an ethnographic, qualitative study as part of a course that Chris Chiappari is teaching.
5. **Outreach:** Hannah Puczko of Community Services continues to explore the feasibility of the public schools, Community Services and the public library collaborating more actively throughout the year on events and activities that could benefit residents of all ages.

I spoke with Amy Merritt of the Union of Youth about partnering on a poetry slam in the fall as part of our centennial celebration. She sounded enthused and will get back to me. This could be done in conjunction with the SELCO publication of a regional anthology of poetry in 2010.