

Ms. Gloria ~~Larstaff~~ LANGSTAFF,
 Director
 Bitterroot Public Library
 306 State St.
 Hamilton MT 59840

July 15, 2009

Dear Ms. ~~Larstaff~~, LANGSTAFF,

I hope this letter finds you well. The reason for this letter is to inform you that a library director has no legal authority to remove a patrons library privileges. This is found in the Montana Statutes as MCA 22-1-311. Since a correspondence was addressed to me on June 11, 2009 "banning" my person from the premises, your actions are in violation of Montana Law. This aforementioned letter is enclosed as Attachment 1.

Secondly, The Bitterroot Public Library has a collection management plan that endorses the American Library Association (ALA) "Library Bill of Rights". By refusing a written work or patron for their social or political position is in direct violation of that ALA provision. I will leave it up to your governing board to discuss any infractions of library policy, or circulation policy by their director. In the June 11, 2009 correspondence from you, it lists the Operational Policy P. 10V., D. as asking a patron to leave the library with respect to disruptions. At no time in my four (4) year history with the Bitterroot Public Library was I asked to leave. Further proof of this is a sworn affidavit dated June 12, 2009 that attests to no improper activity at the Bitterroot Public Library.

The Hamilton Police department is copied in the aforementioned letter of June 11, 2009. By presenting false information to law enforcement about my conduct, you are also in violation of Montana Criminal Code. Applicable statues are MCA 45-7-205 which is a misdemeanor punishable by 6 months in prison and/or a \$500 fine. A complement to this action is bringing the written material for submission to the Hamilton Police Department. Law enforcement uphold the law, cite and arrest violators, but not to defend your actions which violated your own library policies, and criminal code. I will let the Bitterroot Public Library governing board decide your employment fate, while the criminal charges have a two year limitation to bring action. Please don't be surprised if an officer cites you for a violation of MCA 45-7-205.

Since a Library Director has no authority to take a parton's privileges, I am giving notice of reinstatement of library privileges to Michael E. Spreadbury of Hamilton, MT. I would accept an apology, and I feel the Hamilton Police Department is owed one as well. Please have the written submission at the Library circulation for pickup, and consider your resignation for cause of this public position as Bitterroot Library Director.

Sincerely,


 Michael Spreadbury

cc: Officer Jacob Auch, Hamilton Police Department
 Ellyn Jones, President Bitterroot Public Library Board
 Dr. Brophy member, Bitterroot Public Library Board