

MEMO: AUGUST 3, 2009  
TO: BITTERROOT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DETECTIVE STEVE MURPHY  
FROM: GLORIA LANGSTAFF *GL*  
SUBJECT: MICHAEL SPREADBURY

This memo is to update our files on Michael Spreadbury.

On Wednesday, July 15, 2009 a staff member brought me another "letter" from Spreadbury. Again he had confronted a person entering the library to take his letter in. I felt the letter was threatening to me personally by warning me of possible arrest, stating that I have no authority at the library and demanding I resign. What if I should meet him outside the library's property? What if his next "letter" delivered via a library user contains anthrax? I learned that he mentioned the Unabomber from an email message from another Ravalli County librarian. I felt I had to do something to safe guard the staff and myself and to get him to stop taking up staff and my time.

I met with the City of Hamilton's Police Chief, Ryan Oster. He understood my concerns and my desire to take a step toward ending this harassment. He suggested that I be interviewed by Detective Steve Murphy and that my concerns would be brought before City Attorney, Ken Bell.

Detective Murphy went over every page in library's file on Spreadbury with me. He also understood my fear of safety for the staff and for me. After the interview he encouraged me to continue keeping a written file on Spreadbury. He pointed out that I did not take away his library privileges, as Spreadbury claims, but I did ban him from the library premises due to his disruptive and rude behavior toward staff. I have the authority to ban him by following library policy that had been approved by the library trustees. Murphy said he will talk with Bell and get back to me Monday.

Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Detective Murphy met with me in the library. Attorney Bell reviewed my file on Spreadbury. For me to take the next step, it was suggested that I file for a Temporary Order of Protection. I took this suggestion very seriously as this would mean he cannot come near me at the library or any other place and cannot communicate with me at all, not even through a third party.

The library board of trustees met on July 23, 2009. They unanimously voted to support me should I file for a Temporary Order of Protection.

After discussing this with my husband, I decided not to file *at this time*. I am keeping the file forms on hand should I change my mind. My husband and I are very grateful for the help and support I've received from everyone at City Hall.