

September 17, 1998

Ms. Ann K Small, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Henderson District Public Libraries
280 Water Street
Henderson, Nevada 89015

Dear Ann and Trustees,

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my resignation to the Board of Trustees. Leading the library district for the last four years has been an exciting and maturing experience. I am proud of all that we have accomplished. Under my direction some of those accomplishments are:

New Pittman Branch

Increased circulation statistics

Lydia Malcolm storefront

Land for our new Malcolm Library to be built in 2000

Land for a library in the Anthem Development

Renovation of Gibson and enlargement of Children's room

Beautiful landscaping

Excellent professional staff at both Malcolm and Gibson.

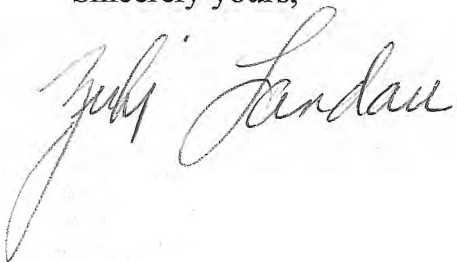
In spite of my reluctance to become the director, which some of you may remember, I feel that I rose to the challenges offered and brought my own vision to the growth of this district. I came to this library in 1991 with thirteen years of administrative experience and no desire to ever become a director again. My strengths and interests really lie in children's and family services and it is those areas which I must pursue for my own happiness and personal success. Without hesitancy I would tell anyone that I am an

excellent Children's Librarian and storyteller. My fear is that once I leave there will be a tremendous gap in service to the children of Henderson. The growth of our city and the increase in the population that is under 18 has created even more reason to reach out to children, parents and teachers and help make them lifelong learners and readers.

I believe that we need to do a national search for a new director to meet the challenges that are in front of us. We have an excellent candidate on staff now but there should be an open recruitment first. I would like to make my resignation date effective January 31, 1999, actually departing from the Library approximately December 31, 1998, using annual leave for the last month.

I wish to thank the board for all their involvement and support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judy Landa". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.