The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners appointed Cassandra (Sandy) Johnson of St. Louis Park to the Hennepin County Library Board on July 14.

Johnson, who is employed at the Minnesota Department of Health, has been involved in various aspects of health promotion for the community for many years. She is co-founder of the African-American Health Workers Network and a member of the Allina Internal Review Board. She is an active member in her church and has been a mentor for Minneapolis and Ramsey Public Schools.

Johnson says the highlight of her week is reading to her "Book Buddy," a sixth grader in the "Book Buddy" program at Franklin Magnet in St. Paul.

"I think the library is a vital part of growth and development, personally and professionally," Johnson said. "I'm always learning, finding new experiences and new adventures at the library. I encourage others to expand their horizons at the Hennepin County libraries."

Lois Langer Thompson, Hennepin County Library director, said, "Sandy has joined a dedicated board that is visionary in its goal to create a future where all individuals and families are eager and engaged lifelong learners."

Johnson's term will expire on December 31, 2011.

The Library Board is a citizen advisory board that reviews budgets and establishes management and service policies governing the library system. Library Board members appointed by the County Board serve three-year terms and meet monthly at a Hennepin County library.

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