

February 12, 2009
Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The February meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Central Regional Library was called to order by Chair Lynn Beltz. Board Members Jim Brucker, Roger Lucas, Jennifer Maydole, Alec McKay, Deborah Moore, and Barbara Woolf were present. Executive Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Associate Director Marilyn Neumiller, Finance Manager Sue DeWitz, HR Manager Dixie Taylor, and Anne Brangwin Administrative Assistant were also present

A Financial report including revolving fund expenditures, fund balances and a listing of bills and payroll to be paid in February was presented to the trustees. Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer's Office as of January 31, 2009 were reported: General Fund, \$6,421,571.73, Automation Fund, \$442,320.09, Facility Improvement Fund, \$455,690.10, Payroll Emergency Fund, \$1,082,288.14, and Endowment Funds, \$465,066.64. After review and discussion Maydole moved that vouchers # 52072 through #52201 in the amount of \$497,014.86 and payroll in the amount of \$266,157.94 be approved for payment. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There were no expenditures from the Endowment Funds or the Designated Funds.

Resolution 09-02: Levy Tax Rate for 2009 Assessment was reviewed and discussed. The resolution changes the levy tax rate for 2009 to 37.64 cents per thousand dollars assessed valuation in the library taxing district based on 2008 valuation for 2009 tax collection. After discussion Moore moved to accept the resolution as presented. Lucas seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A revision to the filtering policy of the North Central Regional Library was reviewed and discussed. The sentence "*The library district does not host customer e-mail accounts or provide access to chat rooms*" was asked to be removed. After discussion Maydole moved to remove the sentence. Lucas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Director's Report included personnel, legislation, litigation, services, and buildings. Interviews for the part-time position in Leavenworth have begun. There were 66 applicants and twelve are being interviewed. Marney contacted Senator Parlette in hopes that she will include junior taxing districts in SB5645, a bill that would allow cities and counties to hold fund-raising events. The plaintiff's have asked for an extension for their brief that was due February 17th. It is now due March 2nd. The Library's reply brief is due March 16. Tutor.com has been chosen as a new Balanced Scorecard target. The library is complying with the Consumer Product Safety Act that requires all products including books intended for

children under twelve, meet new standards calling for lower lead content. is The first phase of the law was to take effect this month but a one-year stay of enforcement was issued last week. NCRL has provided the matching funds documentation, the final requirement for receiving the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grant Program. The Moses Lake library now has wireless in the basement which allows NCRL to host regional trainings in that space. Bids are being gathered for replacement of the damaged floors in the upstairs bathrooms at the Distribution Center. The floors will be replaced as originally designed. A red leather art deco/moderne style couch and chair have been ordered for the area at the top of the stairs. Work is continuing on the new computer lab/training area at the Wenatchee Branch. Computers, chairs and worktables are on order.

Howard presented the February Branch Report. Douglas County Commissioners declared February 2009 as "Library Lovers Month", and urged citizens to thank a librarian. The Wenatchee Arts Commission will be placing another sculpture at the Wenatchee Public Library. Soap Lake Library has new furniture. The Omak, Oroville, Tonasket, Republic, and Winthrop Libraries received new furniture as well. A training session focusing on our new NCRL website and magazine databases was held on January 21st at the Omak Library.

Neumiller presented the Automation Report. The Distribution Center and Wenatchee Public Library are now served by the same internet provider used for most of the branch libraries. NCRL's E-rate discount is up 1% from last year. February's training topic is E-Government; Helping Patrons use Government Web Sites. Classes will be held in Ephrata, Omak, and the Distribution Center.

Board Discussion included our Brief to the Washington State Supreme Court, the bookmobile, circulation, and adult book clubs.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, 2009 at the Distribution Center, Wenatchee WA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



Dean C. Marney, Director



Lynn Beltz, Chairperson