

July 17, 2009  
Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The July meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Central Regional Library was called to order by Deborah Moore, Vice Chair, in the absence of Lynn Beltz. Board members Roger Lucas, Jennifer Maydole, and Barbara Wolff 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 Administrative Assistant Anne Brangwin were present as well.

The agenda and minutes of the last meeting were accepted as presented.

The Director's Report included Trustees, Personnel, Litigation, Balanced Scorecard, Services, Meetings, and Buildings. Alec McKay has an article in the latest edition of ALKI, the Journal of the Washington Library Association. There are no personnel changes this month. A change was made in the law regarding Jury Duty. Over the next month NCRL will be reimbursing several employees who turned their Jury Duty payment over to NCRL. Marney recommended that NCRL hold off on hiring a consultant to conduct a full salary study at this time. After checking with two comparable library systems he feels that the current pay scale remains competitive. The Public Disclosure request of an employee's personnel records has been resolved. Moore, McKay, Brucker, and Howard attended the oral argument on the Certification of the Question at the Temple of Justice, before the Washington Supreme Court Justices, on June 23, 2009. Marney had a short interview on the Seattle radio station KUOW, an NPR affiliate. The Wenatchee World published Marney's guest editorial in response to Tracey Warner's editorial about the case. Following the success of the springtime campaign to increase use of Tutor.com and other online educational resources, NCRL is planning a new campaign for fall. The Summer Reading Program is going well and projections show a strong increase in the number of minutes read by the kids in the region. Gailene Hooper, Republic Librarian, is representing NCRL at a meeting of interested parties from Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties who are attempting to procure stimulus funds to improve Broadband Access in these areas. Barbara Walters and Chad Roseburg are on schedule to deliver the new Gates Foundation computers to branches this month. Marney and Howard will be attending the PNLA Conference in Missoula on August 6 and 7. The Washington Association of Library Employees is holding their annual meeting in Wenatchee in October. NCRL is helping with the technology needs and providing parts of the program. The pre-conference workshop will be held at the Distribution Center. Public use of the Distribution Center was high during the month of June. The desks have been removed and furniture had been purchased for the landing area at the top of the stairs at the Distribution Center.

Howard presented the July Branch Report. One hundred and fifty people attended an event on the property of the future Quincy Library on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Republic Librarian

Gailene Hooper was invited to dinner with Washington State Secretary of State Sam Reed on July 2. Twenty two people attended a presentation by author Diane Hammond on July 2 at the Manson Branch. Thirty People attended children's author George Shannon's program at the Wenatchee Public Library on June 26<sup>th</sup>; 350 people attended a summer reading program at the Wenatchee Public Library featuring Ventriloquist/Magician Steve Taylor on June 18<sup>th</sup>. One hundred people attended a puppet show presented by The Book-It Theatre at the Moses Lake Library on June 22. A \$40,000.00 federal Serving Student Success grant has been awarded to NCRL and will involve a project at the Wenatchee Public Library and the Wenatchee High School. Gailene Hooper was awarded a grant from the Washington State Library to attend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries conference in Gatlinburg, TN from September 10-13, 2009. The Leavenworth and Grand Coulee libraries received new self-checkout units in June. The Royal City Library has a new circulation desk and computer countertop. Thirty five employees attended "Understanding the Mysteries of the Teenage Brain" workshop on May 21.

A financial report including revolving fund expenditures, fund balances, a listing of bills paid in June and June payroll was presented to the trustees. Fund Balances at the Chelan County Treasurer's office as of June 30, 2009 were reported: General Fund \$7,837,544.06; Automation Fund \$444,057.58; Facility Improvement Fund \$446,871.01; Payroll Fund \$1,086,546.53 and the Endowment Fund \$465,063.92. After review and discussion of financial reports and Revolving Fund expenditures, Lucas moved that vouchers #52637 through #52784 in the amount of \$448,623.67 be approved for payment. Woolf seconded the motion which passed unanimously. After review and discussion of Endowment Fund Expenditures Maydole moved that voucher #52 is approved for payment in the amount of \$982.97. Lucas seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There were no expenditures from the Designated Funds in June.

After review and discussion of July financial reports and revolving fund expenditures, Maydole moved that vouchers #52785 through # 52895 in the amount of \$376,808.79 be approved for payment. Woolf seconded the motion which passed unanimously. After review and discussion of Endowment Fund expenditures Woolf moved that voucher #0053 in the amount of \$97.12 is approved for payment. Maydole seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There were no expenditures from the Designated Funds in July.

Resolution of 09-03 Surplus Property was reviewed and discussed. The resolution allows property no longer of use to be delivered to the Chelan County Auction, or disposed of. After discussion Maydole moved to accept the resolution and list of items as presented. Woolf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Howard did a short presentation about Mango which is the online learning language system that is replacing Rosetta Stone on the NCRL website.

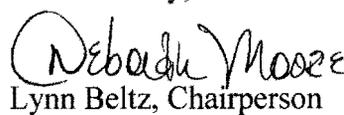
The next regular meeting of The Board of Trustees is scheduled for August 13, 2009 at the Distribution Center in Wenatchee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



Dean Marney, Executive Director

   
Lynn Beltz, Chairperson Vice Chairman