

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
June 2006

Since the last board meeting we have been trying to adjust to the upgrade on the Voyager software.

All the new computers have been installed.

Karen Keefe, our contracted person who is attacking the backlog of business office projects, is making great progress.

I have been completing the final reports for the T-1 to Juliaetta and the Gates Staying Connected grants, closing out those projects.

The binders for the new board members were reviewed for completeness and sent out to Chris and Pat.

The VALNet Directors are working through a myriad of issues that have arisen since LCLD joined, such as changing the wording in their policies to reflect practice as regards the courier and policy vs. guidelines. We also established an ad hoc Public Services Committee that will be responsible for reviewing practices, including the look and feel of the OPAC, as they affect patrons and making recommendations to the board for changes. Chris Sokol will sit on this committee, representing LCLD.

I am cleaning out files and developing an overview report for the new director, so s/he will be able to get up to speed as quickly as possible.

The Moscow Library celebrated its 100 year anniversary on June 3. The Moscow Friends orchestrated this very exciting event. About 250 people attended. Chris Sokol was the library representative on the event committee.

As you can tell by the branch reports SRP is nearly upon us!

Branch Information

Bovill – Paula will give her report at the meeting.

Deary –May has been an interesting month in Deary! We were most grateful for the opportunity to work on our Summer Program when the branches were closed during the software update. I almost forgot what it was like to work un-interrupted on a project! We are ready for the kids to start pouring in as soon as school is over.

Announcements went home in the Wednesday folders of the grade school kids, the sign-up bags are stuffed and programs dates are set. We received a big box of books from the State Library - they are neat! Seeing it all come together is very exciting. We

are looking forward to meeting our two new Board Members and eventually our new Director. More next month!

Genesee – What a time! April was spent preparing to go on vacation. Two substitutes were found and went through a crash training program. Tasks were taken care of that needed attention before I left. Through teaching someone else the workings of a small library I came to realize how many things there are to deal with. It was a good exercise for me in prioritizing.

When I returned to work in May I was overwhelmed by the catching up and fixing that needed to be done. The break during the up grade time was very advantageous for me. The library is back in order. The SRP is ready to go. The Community day open house/book sale is planned.

I'm glad there are a couple of people in the community who are able to sub for me and keep the library opened for the public.

Christine Gray the president of the Friends group has moved out of Genesee to Moscow. That organization is now looking to find someone to carry on the leadership. I hope someone steps forward as they really got things going.

Juliaetta – The month of May was a "winding down" one for Juliaetta with the class visits ending at the middle of the month and our last story time program the second week of the month. Then we were closed during the Endeavor upgrade, so it was slow for circulation. The closure during the upgrade gave us time to prepare for summer reading and we are all set for the onslaught of children who will be signing up as soon as school closes on June 1. I went to the Elementary School on May 30 to tell grades K-6 about this years' summer reading program. It looks like a popular theme this year so we should have a good turn out. A community service person and several of the Friends group helped with the preparations for SR. We were also able to do some much needed shelf reading and cleaning during this time.

At the beginning of June, I will have back surgery so will be on sick leave for about three weeks while I recover. Cynthia Nye will be subbing at Juliaetta while I am away. If anyone needs to get in touch with me while I am recuperating, they can email me at my personal library email address (janw@latahlibrary.org) or call me at home.

Potlatch – Patty Roberts, Carol Haddock and I went to the Potlatch City Council Meeting to ask for money or labor (cleaning, maintenance, etc) for the library. They were two members short so they couldn't make any decision that night. It didn't sound too promising, though. We had our final Storytime and we had a great time with Picnic books and eating "Ants on a log" with Ritz sticks instead of celery. We also had the Elementary School Librarian bring the kids who read 100 or more books during the school year for a tour of the library. This has become an annual event. Other than that, it is just the final prep for before Summer Reading.

Troy – Summer Reading is just around the corner. Registration starts June 8th and the first program is the 15th. I have taken flyers to the elementary and pre-school, so they should be prepared for sign-up. I have commitments from the presenters, so I have my fingers crossed they show up. The bags have been stuffed with items the kids need for the program and some decorating has been done. I think we are ready. Our last Storytime was May 11th, it was about gardening. Our little ones planted sunflower seeds and took them home to watch them grow. This week was the last visit for the Troy After School Program. School will soon be out. I am not sure if the Troy Summer Program, from the school, will be attending the SRP this year. I have heard they are cutting back on the program.

The Library had the up-grade on Endeavor the third week of May, There have been a few "bugs" found. I am sure they will soon be fixed. We are taking things as they come, it will all work out.