

DIRECTOR'S REPORT April 2007








Activity Summary

As always, questions are welcome.

- ❖ The advertising and information packets for prospective library trustee candidates were put in place on March 30th as scheduled.
- ❖ Because there are no other county-wide issues on the ballot May 22nd and therefore no regular election process in place, Chris Kowrach and I met with the County Clerk, Susan Peterson, and the Election Department official, Victoria Shortt, on April 5th to begin planning for the possibility of a trustee election.
- ❖ By Thursday April 12th two trustee candidate petitions had been certified and filed. This does mean the District will need to plan and finance a library-only election.
- ❖ Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 15th through 22nd. A column celebrating volunteer contributions to the Library District was published in the Pulse section of the Daily News on April 5th and is available on the library website.
- ❖ A LCLD Volunteer Appreciation social is scheduled for April 27th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Moscow Public Library. Invitations will be sent to over 130 LCLD volunteers.
- ❖ The search committee is currently interviewing candidates for the Access Services Manager position.
- ❖ The two new public Internet-access computers funded by a Gates grant and slated for the Troy Library are ready and only waiting for furniture to arrive.
- ❖ The next LCLD Foundation meeting will be held April 27th.
- ❖ Planning is underway for a Food for Fines campaign April 16th – April 27th.
- ❖ The LCLD Foundation Grants Committee will submit the grant application for the Traveling Lantern theatre programs of the 2007 Summer Reading program on April 13th.
- ❖ Carol continues to develop 2007-2008 budget figures.
- ❖ On April 17th, I will attend the monthly meeting of VALNet directors. VALNet budget discussions are to begin at that meeting.
- ❖ Carol continues to pursue the 2005-2006 e-rate reimbursement. Reimbursement was finally approved so we are one step closer to receiving the funds.

Department and Branch reports

Adult Services – Chris Sokol

-  LCLD web site additions:
 - Links to sites for Bovill City, Latah County, Moscow Valley Transit schedule
 - Several Health & Medicine links added
-  VALNet catalog enhancements:
 - Expanded and edited the LCLD contact list in the VALNet library directory
-  Patron education:
 - Produced a brochure about eAudiobooks
 - Produced a flyer about the new Pregnancy & Birthing database
-  Wrote and submitted special National Poetry Month (April) "New at the Library" column for Co-op Newsletter; unfortunately the editors had to omit it because April is such a busy month for all kinds of community activities! (It will still appear on our web site)
-  Centennial exhibit:
 - Moved from Historical Society to Juliaetta library, then to Bovill.
-  Moscow Library Book Club discussed *The Partner* by John Grisham; the April selection is *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss
-  Ordered materials and weeded as usual

Outreach Services – Betsy Bybell

- ❖ 35 inter-library loan requests processed
- ❖ 10 programs to preschools for an audience of 217. This is a smaller figure than most months because of spring break in Moscow. I also took funeral leave to fly back to St. Louis for the death of my mother.
- ❖ PIH reports. The Troika in Access Services has worked hard to find volunteers to help with the daily task of pulling requested books in Moscow. These volunteers do the first pass working with the printed list to find the items that are easily located. I follow up by searching for the NOS (Not On Shelf) requests to see if they can be found or considered missing.
- ❖ Became an LVIS (Libraries Very Interested In Sharing) member for inter-library loan on the OCLC database. This means no charges for borrowing materials or making photocopies of articles, which has facilitated processing hard-to-find books for our patrons. So far there have been no requests from other libraries to use Latah County Library materials.
- ❖ Entertainment at the 30th Birthday Party Celebration of the Juliaetta Branch Library. I tweaked a folk story to "It Could Always Be Better" to illustrate how the library has grown and improved in that time. The small group of children enjoyed storytelling and playing with the bag of puppets in the back kitchen area of the library.

Bovill Branch Report – Paula Winter

- Business as usual in Bovill, nothing too out of the ordinary
- Didn't see the first grade class this month as they are busy with spring activities
- Computers are busy most days, especially the last week with kids on spring break
- Working on straightening out some issues with the ceiling fan installation, waiting to hear back from Idaho Heritage Trust
- HOORAY!!! The snow has finally left Bovill.

Deary Branch Report – Debbie Fischer

- I am working with the Deary Friends of the Library to identify a new Foundation Representative from our community.
- We offered 5 programs - 4 story times and 1 class visit - with a total of 28 youth and 9 adults attending.
- The Summer Reading Planning Meeting in Moscow on March 13 was informative and fun!
- Ideas for programs and websites were exchanged and everyone scheduled "Batsy" for at least 1 program.
- Deary Friends of the Library are combining with Bovill Friends of the Library to offer great prizes for Essay Contests in several categories for a variety of age groups. Some winners will be announced during National Library Week, and all winning entries will be displayed at the two libraries and also at Deary & Bovill Days! More details are on the way!

Genesee Branch Report – Sharon Steiger

- The first part of the month was business as usual.
- Corlene Becker did a great job subbing for the last two weeks in March. Thanks, Corlene—it's wonderful to have a local sub.

Juliaetta Branch Report – Jan Welles

- ❖ Class visits were all on schedule with the exception of Kindergarten. One hundred and twelve students and teachers visited this month and checked out books.
- ❖ Story times were up and down but we still had attendance every week for a total of 52.
- ❖ Book Discussion Group met with six in attendance to discuss "The Secret Life of Bees".
- ❖ The second scrapbook making class was held on March 10 with 9 adults and 6 young people in attendance. It was decided to continue with the monthly classes for two more months since the Friends received a grant from the Latah County Arts and Culture Committee to pay, in part, for these classes. Everyone who attended learned a great deal and had so much fun that they do not want it to end. At the end of May we will decide if we want to continue on through the summer.

- ❖ The Juliaetta Community Library celebrated our 30th birthday on March 16th with an Open House. Over 55 people stopped by to help us celebrate and eat cake and talk about old times and visit with old friends. Everyone had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to the next 30 years!
- ❖ The Friends of the Library met and discussed summer reading program plans and other upcoming events.

Potlatch Branch Report – Donna Quiring

- ◇ The Friends are working on the "Mystery Dinner Theatre" with the Potlatch Arts Council. Patti Roberts is looking into grants to fund it.
- ◇ The Friends are also planning on having a book sale during the Potlatch Community Yard Sale in June.
- ◇ Summer Reading plans are moving along. I bought some books from the Scholastic Book Fair at the Elementary School where it was buy one and get one free, so I was able to help the school and get some nice books at a good price!

Troy Branch Report – Margie Fitzmorris

- Colds and flu have not only taken a toll on staff but patrons & story timers as well.
- Sterling Health Insurance had a meeting, for the community, at the Troy Library. Several attended.
- Anne visited the Troy Library to help me plan where I am going to have the new Gates computers installed. The Troy Library was lucky enough to receive a grant for 2 new computers. A big Thanks goes to the people that worked hard to get the grant for the Troy Library.
- A young man is working his community service at the Library. He has been helping me with some early spring cleaning.
- Summer Reading Program planning is going on and on and on.....