

Latah County Library District

DIRECTOR'S REPORT September 2008

Activity Summary

- ✓ The school year has begun and regular storytimes are starting up. Afterschool use of library computers and space impacts each of our libraries.
- ✓ Genesee library supervisor Sharon Steiger has submitted her letter of resignation. She will retire on November 15th after 24 years of service to the library. A search committee consisting of Chris Sokol, George Williams and myself is in place. We thank Sharon for her many years of outstanding service to the Latah County community.
- ✓ As Clerk of the Board, John Pool submitted certified letters notifying the Idaho Tax Commission and the Latah County recorder of the district's legal name change as required by Idaho Code 67-2321.
- ✓ The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICFL) sponsored a follow-up report on the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant the district received in 2005-2006 in order to migrate to VALNet. Cathy Poppino, a professional librarian from Twin Falls, visited Latah County the week of September 2nd to interview library staff and board members and will copy us on her final report to the ICFL.
- ✓ Two columns were submitted to the Daily News and the Latah Eagle. I submitted "The measure of satisfaction" and Chris Sokol submitted "Is there a book club in your future?"
- ✓ Potlatch library supervisor Donna Quiring was featured in Daily News Neighbors column on September 6th: "Developing a passion for the job."
- ✓ The LCLD Foundation board meets Friday September 19th at the Potlatch Library. Agenda items include a report on the progress of a planned 2009 fundraiser.
- ✓ On September 11th the VALNet Directors met in Lewiston. The agenda was light, and I and several other directors skipped this one.
- ✓ Friends groups are beginning to hold their meetings after a summer hiatus. On September 4th I attended the Friends of the Moscow Library annual retreat.
- ✓ The committee to investigate heat pumps for installation at the Potlatch library did not meet in August.
- ✓ The library continues to work with Washington-Idaho Network staff on the first batch update of our library's holdings in the OCLC WorldCat catalog.

Department and Branch Reports

Bovill Branch Report – Paula Winter

- ❖ In August we wrapped up summer reading with a final party that was well attended. I had 19 kids and eight adults. We had a bird feeder craft that went over very well and the kids all had a good time with prizes and treats.
- ❖ Starting to look at story time ideas and making plans with the grade school to see how we can work with them this year to get kids to the library.
- ❖ School started up again on the 21st and the library suddenly became very quiet and peaceful again.
- ❖ Bovill EMTs are wanting to come to the library and have a class on diabetes. They are looking for someone certified to teach diabetes education that they can connect with to put on a class. I have had numerous people interested in this since it seems to be a pretty common disease and most people are affected by it either themselves or have family members that have it.
- ❖ We also are planning on having a beginners' crochet class sometime this fall. We have not worked out the details on that yet.
- ❖ Already making a few plans and coming up with ideas for next years summer reading program. It too seems like it will be an easy theme to work with.

Deary Branch Report – Debbie Fischer

- We had a few more kids finish up their Summer Program requirements in August. I think it was a really good summer. Our programs were well attended and the kids really seemed to enjoy each one.
- School started in Deary on August 21st, and it surprises me each year what a difference it makes to have a couple hours to think before the kids get out of school.
- We are looking forward to hearing from the U of I Design Dept. The Deary Friends are also excited to get that project started.
- I have heard positive comments from patrons about the DVD rotation.
- More next month

Genesee Branch Report – Sharon Steiger

- ✓ Although the summer reading program ended in July it didn't stop children from coming to the library. Every day the library was open children were here for a variety of reasons.
- ✓ Story time for the little folks on Fridays continues with quite a few children attending with their parents or day care provider. We all have a good time despite the size of the group.
- ✓ The last week of the month the city had someone come and resurface and seal the library steps as years' worth of weather and traffic were showing. For one afternoon we had patrons coming in through the senior center. Once the sealing coat smell wore off it was good to see the project completed.
- ✓ My letter of resignation was written and sent in. Early retirement for me will come in November. My husband has been retired for nearly six years and we want to be able to do things together before more years pass us by. In the meanwhile I'll take some vacation time and keep providing library service to the community until my own grand finale.

Juliaetta Branch Report – Jan Welles

- ❖ Summer reading ended on the Monday before school started, Aug. 25. We ended up with 95 youth registered and 57 finished and their names were entered in a drawing for special prizes. Our programs were very well attended and the theme was very popular this year.
- ❖ The middle two weeks of the month, I took a much needed vacation and Cynthia and Anna kept the library running smoothly.
- ❖ The last week of the month, I began planning for class visits from Juliaetta Elementary School and storytimes for the year.

Potlatch Branch Report – Donna Quiring

- Final numbers for SR: 180 signups with 101 finishers.
- Friends started planning some fall programs with Linda Sundstrum doing her eBay program and trying to resurrect the "Antiques Onaway Roadshow" that we did a few years ago, with local antique dealers "evaluating" items the public brings with proceeds going towards the library.
- Scheduled bids from local electricians for putting in automatic hand dryers in the bathrooms. Have finally got someone scheduled to come and look at the flooring in the bathrooms.
- Friends have agreed to buy a diaper changing station for the women's bathroom. We will do this after the bathrooms are painted, providing it happens this fall.
- Have also worked out getting some help in the Children's Garden from the local Growers Group through Junction Lumber. This will start next spring.
- I am on vacation so that is all, folks!

Troy Branch Report – Margie Fitzmorris

- Summer Reading Program is finished for another year. I had 131 sign-ups and 87 finishers. I feel I had another successful SRP. The local presenters did a super job again this year.
- Blenda and I have been trying to catch things up that have been let slide during the summer. It is nice to have the library looking sharp again.
- Parents are still bringing the kids in on Thursday mornings at 10:30 to check out books.
- Story Time will start September 18th.
- Preparing for my Board meeting on September 16th.