

Latah County Library District

DIRECTOR'S REPORT February 2009

Activity Summary

- ✓ The 2007-2008 annual report to the state was submitted on January 29th.
- ✓ With longtime Moscow circulation staff member June Falk retiring at the end of February, a search committee has been formed to hire a new 30-hour Library Assistant II in Moscow.
- ✓ The new library brochure is being distributed to community government and commercial outlets.
- ✓ As noted in the Deary branch report, an open house sponsored by the Friends of the Deary Library and featuring the remodeling projects of the UI design students will be held Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 PM in the Deary Library.
- ✓ A memorial for former Bovill and Deary library branch supervisor Sue Hotinger will be held in Bovill on Sunday, February 22nd.
- ✓ The LCLD Foundation board met February 6th at the University Inn. John Pool was present as the Trustee's liaison to the Foundation. The Foundation recently received a \$1,000 grant award from Wal-Mart.
- ✓ I submitted a column reporting on new developments at the library to the Daily News and the Latah Eagle.
- ✓ The VALNet directors met January 22nd in Clarkston. I am currently on the VALNet budget committee.
- ✓ The Friends of the Moscow Library met on February 12th.
- ✓ The LCLD annual staff evaluation process is nearly complete.
- ✓ The VALNet authority control project is still in progress. The electronic bibliographic files were returned from the third party processor and are now being processed by WIN staff.
- ✓ The committee to investigate heat pumps for installation at the Potlatch library continues its work.

Department and Branch Reports

Bovill Branch Report – Paula Winter

- Bovill has been pretty quiet since the first of the new year.
- Computers stay busy most days.
- Really enjoying PC reservation!!!
- Cleaning and weeding, thinking about spring.
- Kind of sort of maybe thinking a little about summer reading.

Deary Branch Report – Debbie Fischer

- ❖ January was a very quiet month at the Deary Library, except for the weather.... I hired a teen to shovel the back and front doors and the bookdrop when the snow built up and the City plow was done plowing us in! He did an excellent job very quickly. I also had volunteer help in between times to keep everything accessible.
- ❖ We are anxiously waiting for the different designs from the U of I Design Team. Our plans are to display them in the Library and get community feedback. An open house/Friend's Meeting is being planned for Wednesday, Feb. 18th.

Genesee Branch Report – Connie Sobczyk

- ✓ Genesee Friends met January 14, 2009 at 7PM to discuss new business. Friends discussed a future floor plan with possible addition of single bookcases for paperbacks.
- ✓ I met with the school librarian and principal and discussed ways on how we can work together. I emailed Summer Reading material to the teachers for preparation of onsite visits.

- ✓ Story Time participants listened, sang, danced and played games to the theme of the "opossum" this month. They ended their month with Groundhog Day stories and crafts.
- ✓ PC Reservations was installed on January 9. It has been a smooth transition for the patrons.
- ✓ I requested and checked in resources from other libraries for a "pink" display for February.
- ✓ Maintenance fitted outside library door so that now only one key opens both locks and inside door leading to Senior Center. The city removed two old heaters from the library and installed an electrical outlet at each place.

Juliaetta Branch Report – Jan Welles

- The big news during January seemed to be all the bad weather. School was set to reopen on Jan. 5th after Christmas break but the storm that hit closed all Latah County schools so Juliaetta Library was also closed because I couldn't get down my hill to work!
- Class visits were held on schedule with the exception of 3rd and 1st grades. School was once again closed due to bad roads on the Thursday that those two classes were to visit the library. I was able to make it to work that day since the county had plowed our road! A total of 64 students and 6 teachers made it down to check out books this month.
- Story times were also spotty due to the weather but we still had 24 children and their moms for the four programs in Jan.
- The Book Prowlers met and discussed "The Color of Water" by James McBride with 8 members present.
- The Friends sponsored "Scrapbook Class" met with 14 adults and 3 children in attendance.
- The Friends met but did not have a quorum so they discussed some things and adjourned early hoping to have a better turn out in Feb. so that business can be conducted!
- Kerry came and set up PC Reservation on the Juliaetta computers early in the month and it seems to be helping by saving time and stress on the supervisor. Patrons have not complained and those who have had fines and or lost books seem to be finding and paying for things so that they can use the computers. I have issued a few new cards to those who didn't have them so they can also make use of the free internet access.
- We are glad that Anne is back and feeling better! I am ready for some sunshine and melting snow!

Potlatch Branch Report – Donna Quiring

- Even with the extra time function not working, PC Reservation is a dream come true! Love it!
- Friends met and talked about spring/summer projects. Some of them are: Library clean up day, author visit, Antiques Onaway road show and summer reading fundraising.
- Diaper changing station is here and I will try to find someone to install it.
- 2 nice leather chairs came and were put together by Mike Quiring and they look really nice.
- Adult winter reading is up and running with 19 people signed up.
- 67 kids and 40 adults attending 4 storytimes in January.
- Representative from Even Start in Moscow is holding GED classes in the conference room.
- Representative from the U.S. Census Bureau brought material for anyone interested in being a census taker in 2010 and scheduled the conference room for the test, but nobody showed up!
- Hope to get to the touch up painting in bathrooms next month!

Troy Branch Report – Margie Fitzmorris

- The Library roof had to be shoveled on the 3rd. The City was unable to find snow shovelers so Betty and I rounded up a crew. The floating rafters in the roof had dropped several inches inside the Library. Our crew shoveled for 5.5 hours.
- PC Reservation was installed on the computer January 15th. So far it is working great. What a good idea this was.
- The Friends of the Troy Library had a meeting on the 21st. They elected officers, and I am glad to report that all the positions stayed the same as last year. We had several new members join. They have several things going on.
- Thursday the 22nd an employee of the US Census Bureau gave a test from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the meeting room for Field Employee Positions.

- Story Times are still going strong. 46 kids this month.
- The Friends received a grant from the Troy Rec. District to purchase a couple new shelves for the Troy Library. We are working on getting them ordered.
- The Winter Reading Program started on the 19th. So far we are getting a lot of interest and several sign ups, 29 so far.