

# Latah County Library District

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT July 2009

### Activity Summary

- ✓ Summer reading activities and programs are in full swing. Explore each library's program schedule at [www.latahlibrary.org](http://www.latahlibrary.org).
- ✓ The Voyager software upgrade on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> went relatively smoothly. We are experiencing some lingering problems and are working with VALNet and WIN staff to determine their source and how to best resolve them. Some problems appear linked to the upgrade, some are linked to the mechanics of the withdrawal of Walla Walla Community College from VALNet.
- ✓ On June 29<sup>th</sup> the Deary library changed its open hours. The new hours will be in place for the summer and then will be re-evaluated. The new hours are Monday 10 AM – 1 PM, then Tuesday through Thursday from 1 PM – 6 PM.
- ✓ During the month of July, the Gritman Medical Center will send a representative to each district library to promote participation in its community health survey.
- ✓ I submitted a column "Let your local library surprise you" to area newspapers.
- ✓ The LCLD Foundation is scheduled to meet July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation continues to work on developing a business identity package to include a logo and letterhead.
- ✓ There was no July meeting of the VALNet Directors.
- ✓ Access Services Manager George Williams and Outreach Services Manager Betsy Bybell are both on leave since June 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the wonderful library staff for working together to make these absences more manageable. We all appreciate you!

### Department and Branch Reports

#### Bovill Branch Report – Paula Winter

- ❖ It was nice to see everyone at the board meeting this month in Bovill
- ❖ Summer reading is going well, program numbers are good
- ❖ Computers are busy
- ❖ Bovill Days coming up, we will have an open house and the Friends will hold a book sale
- ❖ New tree planted in the yard for Sue Hotinger was a nice addition
- ❖ Always busy weeding and moving books

#### Deary Branch Report – Debbie Fischer

- Summer Program started on Wednesday, June 3. We have about 35 people signed up. We are averaging about 10-15 kids per program.
- Of course with school out, the computers are busy with kids and adults alike.
- We changed our hours for the summer - Monday, 10-1, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1-6. So far the patrons seem to like the hours.
- Congrats to George, Faye and Persephone for the new baby daughter/sister! Lots of babies being born lately!

#### Genesee Branch Report – Connie Sobczyk

- ✓ Summer Reading Program began with sign-ups on June 5. There was positive and enthusiastic reader/ and parental feedback for the first two programs, Batsy the Story Teller and The Magician on June 19 and 24<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Vacation Bible school coincided with the June 19th program which most likely resulted in fewer participants for that rainy day.

- ✓ Friends of the Library Book sale was held on June 13 between 12-4 PM. It was a successful event raising funds, by donations only, in order to help support the Summer Reading program. Remaining books not sold were offered to other branches and then sent to Salvation Army and the used book store.
- ✓ A Genesee licensed daycare is participating in the underserved Idaho Reading program. I provided a reading program for them at the daycare site for 8 youngsters on June 29. Each child was given materials provided through Read to Me, a project of the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

#### Juliaetta Branch Report – Jan Welles

- On June 2, I visited Juliaetta Elementary School to tell grades K-6 about Summer Reading. I took bookmarks to each class along with a sign-up bag sample and some of the prizes. I visited with 110 students and 10 teachers.
- Summer reading started in Juliaetta on June 11, the first Thursday after school ended. There were 24 children and 10 adults at the first program for registration and a movie.
- The second summer reading program was "Batsy" with her "All Join In" storytelling. There were 16 children and 7 adults in attendance.
- The third week Sian Ritchie from the Palouse Discovery Science Center did a wonderful program on color for an audience of 33 children and 16 adults.
- The rest of the month was pretty much business as usual in Juliaetta. Books in- Books out!

#### Potlatch Branch Report – Donna Quiring

- Had the Kindergarten and First Grade classes visit the library, and then went to all other classes to promote Summer Reading.
- Sign up started on June 4th.
- Had three programs with 80 kids and 32 adults attending.
- Baseball games are going on with lots of traffic in the bathrooms.
- Construction is a mess in town. The detour is the Onaway Road, so it hasn't hurt us much!

#### Troy Branch Report – Margie Fitzmorris

- ✓ The Troy Friends received a grant from the Troy Recreation District. They are purchasing blinds for the windows and signage for the library with the grant. So far the wooden valances have been installed. The blinds have to be reordered. The wrong color was sent. Yellow ???
- ✓ I have been rearranging furniture, with the help of new board member Michael Brown and George Mancini, to make room for a lovely blue winged back chair and ottoman donated by a patron. It has been placed in the juvenile section of the Library.
- ✓ Summer Reading Program has started and we have been having a good turn out so far. Younger kids are attending this year. The older ones are at the Summer School Program held at the church.
- ✓ The Summer School Program, from the Troy Elementary, has been visiting the Library 2-3 times a week.
- ✓ Betty Leslie has been kind enough to volunteer her time to be the official SRP photographer.
- ✓ Computers have been busy. Thank goodness for PC Reservation this summer.
- ✓ Made it through the circulation update.
- ✓ Chris visited Troy on the 24<sup>th</sup>. She weeded adult non-fiction; adult VHS tapes and she showed me several interesting items on Net Library. Enjoyed her visit.
- ✓ Ellis Anderson has been kind enough to keep the new landscaping watered during the warm weather.