

# Latah County Library District

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT October 2009

### Activity Summary

- New MikroTik Hotspots are now installed across the greater LCLD network. Besides improving Internet access for wireless patrons, these new hotspots will require users to accept the LCLD Internet Use policy before accessing the Internet and will then take them to the LCLD webpage. The devices will also provide a count of wireless users.
- The library received over \$800 from Hastings via their coffee cart donations program in support of local literacy efforts. The money will be spent on Youth and Adult collection materials.
- Thanks to Access Services Manager George Williams for his work resolving the problem with items not displaying their correct library location in the public online catalog. The problem was created during recent software changes and upgrades.
- The Friends of the Moscow Library will hold their fall book sale on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM – 1:30 PM at the American Legion Log Cabin at 317 South Howard Street. There will be a Friends only presale Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6 PM – 8 PM.
- I attended a meeting of the VALNet directors on September 17<sup>th</sup> and will attend another October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Through successful negotiations between VALNet and OCLC, the NetLibrary subscription for eAudiobook downloads continued after the state-funded subscription expired on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The library used a free online survey tool for the first time as part of the effort to collect input on the Deary library hours. We now know how to create these online surveys and make them accessible from our homepage.
- Planning continues for the November 10<sup>th</sup> visit by author David Guterson as part of the regional Everybody Reads program. He will speak about his book *The Other* in Moscow at 7:00 PM on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.
- Adult Services Manager Chris Sokol coordinated several well-received adult programs at the Moscow Library in October, including a talk by author Tom King on October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Services Manager Cathy Ensley and Outreach Services Manager Betsy Bybell led sessions in an October 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Services workshop in Lewiston sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries.
- Potlatch Branch Supervisor Donna Quiring used the LCLD laptop to issue new library cards as part of her library promotion at the Potlatch Elementary School open house.
- Please visit the Juliaetta library and enjoy the new lighting. The lights are not only more energy efficient, they offer better illumination.
- Business Manager Carol Kampenhout continues to write grants and coordinate funding for the Deary library remodel project and the waterwise garden at the Moscow library.
- Friends of the Moscow Library volunteer Mike Huebner prepared a column that we submitted to the local paper regarding sorting donated books in preparation for the Friends' book sales.
- The LCLD Foundation met September 18<sup>th</sup>. Officers were elected as part of the annual meeting. John Pool is the new President of the Foundation, while Becky Kellom, Mary Hughes and I continue in our respective roles of Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- I was out of town October 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the wonderful library staff for taking care of things in my absence.

### Department and Branch Reports

#### Bovill Branch Report – Paula Winter

- School started in Bovill and kids are keeping the library computers busy.
- Storytimes will start soon.
- After that I became ill and the rest of the month was filled with subs. Hope the board will forgive me for such a short report ☺.

### Deary Branch Report – Debbie Fischer

- ✓ The library has been quiet since school started. I guess we get so used to being very busy during the summer, and it takes a while to get used to it.
- ✓ The flowers in our front flower boxes have been watered all summer by Nancy Hoobler. They look great!
- ✓ Carol and the Deary Friends are gearing up again for the remodel plans. Things are moving ahead and we are excited for that.
- ✓ We have a survey up on the website for possible final hour changes for Deary.

### Genesee Branch Report – Connie Sobczyk

- A vintage Genesee train display is on display at the Library. Local historian, Earl Bennett, and Latah County Historical Society have lent/given the library pictures for our "train" theme.
- Our Friday story times revolve around a "train" theme. Waddler and toddlers are participating in a music oriented story time during the 2nd and 4th Fridays. A Genesee volunteer who sings and has experience teaching youngsters interacts with the youngsters at this time. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4th Fridays, the children participate in making a craft to go with the letter and sound of the week.
- I sent 2 chairs, which were given to Genesee Branch by Moscow as they did not want them anymore, to an upholsterer in Clarkson. They are finished and ready for pick-up.
- I have spoken with the president of Genesee Recreation Tax levy appropriation committee concerning the procedure to have them pay for some items/jobs we wish to have done for the library (painting, new linoleum etc). I have the forms and have asked a Friends' member to help gather information to put this in action.
- Genesee 2009 summer reading numbers are as follows:
  - Number of participants signed up: 90
  - Total Number of Participants Completed: 48 (53% completion)
  - Participants signed up Ages 11-18 / # Completed: 9/3 (33% completion)
  - Participants signed up Ages 5-10 / # Completed 57/29 (51% completion)
  - Participants Signed up Under Age 5/ # Completed 24/16 (67% completion)
- I took leave without pay from Sept 22- October 3 as my father was in the hospital with heart and stroke complications. Many wonderful helpful subs helped maintain order, business and status quo at our branch library during my absence. My many thanks to all of them.

### Juliaetta Branch Report – Jan Welles

- The school year began on August 26 so we scheduled class visits to begin right after Labor Day. Of the seven classes scheduled, four made it down to check out books. The other three classes had subs on the days they were scheduled and they decided not to come. We had 80 students and 8 teachers in to check out books.
- Story times also began after Labor Day. This month we had a total of 23 young ones and their moms in for three story times.
- Book Prowlers met for their planning meeting on Sept. 8. They chose the books to read during the next 8 months. December's meeting will be an open meeting and they are inviting the community to join them for poems and food. Cathy has posted the list of books for this year on the website. Thank you Cathy!
- The Friends met on Sept. 15 and made plans for the year for fund raising activities and community projects. There were two new members present and 8 "old" reliable members.
- On Sept. 23, I went to the Golden Sunset Senior Center and Meal site in Kendrick to present a program on the Talking Book Service from the Idaho Commission for Libraries. There were 32 seniors there to listen to my spiel even though that was the day the Governor and other government officials were in Kendrick for the day. Most of those in attendance were familiar with the service and spoke very highly of it. I don't know if my talk helped to attract more use of the talking books or not. Only time will tell. I do have a player that is available if someone needs a replacement for the one they have, when or if theirs stops working.

- The Friends sponsored Scrapbook class met for the first time this season on Sept. 26. There were only 5 people attending but several who had intended to come caught the bug that is making the rounds so couldn't join us.
- The new lights have been installed as I write this report. The last ones were put up tonight. It has made a huge improvement in the main part of the library as well as in the front entry where we have our paperback and magazine exchange. Thank you Carol for all that you did to help get this completed!

#### Potlatch Branch Report – Donna Quiring

- Issued 16 cards at the Elementary open house.
- Started storytime and had 3 programs in September with 39 kids and 22 adults
- Final preparation is being made for the Mystery Dinner Theatre on October 10th.
- Pulled 6 crates of Juvenile non-fiction from Cathy's "weeds" list. Have pulled half to replace ones that were sent to Moscow. Will get that finished in October.

#### Troy Branch Report – Margie Fitzmorris

- Story Time started on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I have a very young group so far, 2 and 3 year olds. They are so cute.
- Starting to order new paperbacks since it is the new fiscal year. Ordering paperbacks is always fun.
- The Library has had so many books donated I am having a book sale trying to get rid of a lot.
- The Library Board had their meeting here on the 15<sup>th</sup>. It is always a pleasure to have them meet at Troy.
- The pre-school made their first visit on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The new teacher, Linda Bricker, visited with me and she wants to make a visit once a month. There are 12 kids coming down to visit the Library and have stories. I am excited about this; I have been trying to get this to happen for several years.
- Pulling Red Dots and Orange Dots.
- Working on Adopt-a-Magazines. The Troy Friends and Anne were kind enough to adopt magazines again this year. Our magazine budget increased this year from the District so I was able to get a couple more magazines.