

Latah County Library District

DIRECTOR'S REPORT November 2010

Activity Summary

- The six rural branches of the Latah County Library District are still in consideration as candidates for participation in the second phase of the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program project. Troy library supervisor Margie Fitzmorris and I traveled to Boise November 1st and 2nd to attend the BTOP launch program sponsored by the program partners. No decision has been announced regarding grant recipients.
- I contributed a column to the Daily News regarding voter information resources available at the library.
- The start of the new fiscal year triggered efforts to collect additional statistics on library use. Access Services Manager George Williams is experimenting with ways to document a type of patron count. He hopes to be able to track how many library accounts are used to check items out on a given day.
- On November 10th efforts to collect data on the number of patrons accessing the wireless hotspots in each library location were finally successful. Numbers will be included in future Use and Program reports. As an indication of use, however, in the approximately 48 hours since we have been able to capture those numbers, including one closed day, 151 uses of district hotspots have been recorded.
- Extensive financial and organizational information has been provided to the library's auditor in preparation for his December report.
- The CIN/VALNet directors met October 20th to continue discussions of options to WIN membership. The WIN board met October 21st with the board of the INLAN consortium of academic libraries and is now gathering information on the cost of migrating the CIN and VALNet databases.
- The VALNet Directors met October 26th in Lewiston. The primary agenda items concerned the relationship between WIN and VALNet and options for the consortium.
- The VALNet directors have approved two online surveys to collect input from library patrons and staff regarding features of the library's automation system to help guide any migration project. Survey links will be sent to all LCLD Friends groups and other stakeholders, as well as posted on the library website.
- Library staff members responded to an online survey drafted by the Compensation Committee.
- Adult Services Manager Chris Sokol attended a LiLI-D focus group session in Lewiston, the goal of which was to provide input on how to improve LiLI-D and suggest ideas for the future of this service. LiLI-D is the acronym for **L**ibraries **L**inking **I**daho- **D**atabases. LiLI databases are accessible through the library website's Databases page and provide access to full-text articles from magazines, professional journals, newspapers, and reference e-books.
- The LCLD Foundation will hold its annual meeting on November 15th at noon in the Best Western University Inn in Moscow.

Department and Branch Reports

Bovill Branch Report – Paula Winter

- Normal library business for the month of October
- Had one storytime that was attended this month by my homeschoolers, 6 kids and 4 adults. The other story time days had families out of town or sick kids.
- Todd Bailey was here to insulate underneath the library this month for added warmth and saving a few dollars on the heating bill. It was great that he had beautiful weather to work in. The Building committee and the Friends will help cover the cost of this insulation. The Building committee and Friends group are also considering the possibility of adding an extra storm door of sorts to the side of the building to cover the old wooden door that is there but no longer in use. Carol was going to check with Moscow Glass and Awning to see how much that would cost.

Deary Branch Report – Debbie Fischer

- The Staff Meeting was fun and informative, especially Anne's Graduation celebration. A talented group of people exist throughout the District!
- The Compensation Committee meetings keep things very interesting.
- The Friends group elected new officers - President: Lynne Rains; Vice President: Pat Shelton; Sec/Treasurer: Diane Rathbun.
- Plans are being made for decorating the library for the annual Open House, and a book sale on Dec. 3 and 4.
- A Book Club is in the works, probably won't be until after the holidays.

Genesee Branch Report – Connie Sobczyk

- "Green Eggs and Ham" was our featured Dr Seuss book for October. Our young readers and listeners made green eggs templates and played "Pin the Egg on the Ham" and "Tic Tac Toe". A Halloween craft of cupcake decorating ended the month.
- I attended the ILA Conference in Post Falls on Friday October 8. I took in 3 workshop sessions. I particularly enjoyed Teen Programming with thoughts and ideas from Ray Lusk and also, Ken Nesbitt's programming.
- The LCLD Board met in Genesee on October 19. Though I was not present, I left our members the Genesee's Annual Report and pictures from our well attended summer reading program.
- The Library received a new 19" monitor for one of the public computers, 2 new floor mats and color All-in-one printer/fax machine this month!
- I took vacation October 15-26. My husband, daughter and I spent 12 days in Maui discovering the island. However, three days into our vacation, I lost my brother-in-law from melanoma complications. We remained on Maui, and heard the memorial service via cell phone on Oct 23. I plan to return to the East to spend time with my sister in the near future.

Juliaetta Branch Report – Linda Dahl

- Donations of pumpkins, leaves and gourds have the library warm and welcoming for the autumn season. As least that is what patrons are saying of the Juliaetta Community Library. New signage and posters in the children's area have provided some fun as students visiting from the school test their knowledge of the Dewey Decimal system.
- Storytimes have been filled with autumn books, pumpkin finger plays, making pumpkin masks and leaf men – all fall fun!
- Children met Stellaluna, their new "Library Mascot" this month. "Stellaluna" is a fruit bat (stuffed of course!). The children's book by Janell Cannon tells her story and why loud sounds scare her. So what better place to be than a library? The children have fun looking for her each week and packing her around as they practice quiet library voices so as not to scare their new friend.
- The Book Prowlers discussed "Love in the Time of Cholera" by Gabriel Marquez Garcia and are already well into their next selection, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings regardless of whether you have read the books.
- One highlight of the month was a visit by a woman from out of town, researching family history. Her great-grandmother, Sara Crow, once attended the Rebekah Lodge meetings held in the very building that now is home to the Juliaetta Community Library!

Moscow Branch Report – Compiled

- Youth Services Manager Cathy Ensley conducted a significant weeding project in the Juvenile Easy section. Several hundred books were deleted in order to make room for new selections and to facilitate branch rotations.
- Cathy Ensley and Outreach Services Manager Betsy Bybell will conduct special Curious George programs at the library and Head Start the week of November 15th.
- The Third Tuesday Book Club read and discussed the novel The Angel's Game by Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

- *Everybody Reads* author Molly Gloss spoke about her work to an audience of 72 on November 10th at the 1912 Center. Her book The Hearts of Horses was this year's *Everybody Reads* selection. This was the sixth year that the library's participation in the regional *Everybody Reads* program was sponsored by the Friends of the Moscow Library.
- Over 30 people attended the annual meeting of the Friends of the Moscow Library on October 21st and enjoyed a slide presentation on travel to Turkey.
- The Moscow Friends will meet on November 18th at 6:30 PM in the Moscow library.

Potlatch Branch Report – Donna Quiring

- Had a great time at the ILA Conference in Post Falls. The workshops were good and it was nice to connect with other library folk.
- The Claire Davis program wasn't very well attended, but Diane Brady said that the people that came enjoyed it and they had a good discussion with the author. Thank you to the two Diane's (assistant Diane Brady and Friends of the Potlatch Library president Diane Kelly-Riley) for hosting this event while I was at the conference.
- Storytime started off with a smaller group in Sept. and the first part of Oct. but that last two weeks of Oct. really took off with 30 kids one week and 25 the next! They are such a fun group of kids! Diane and I really enjoy interacting with them!
- Proctored two tests in this month.
- Gearing up for the Christmas Open House in December and then Winter Reading in January.

Troy Branch Report – Margie Fitzmorris

- ☉ Attended the staff meeting in Moscow. The graduation party for Anne was GREAT! We had a Branch meeting afterwards.
- ☉ George came out and fixed the problem with PC Reservation. Thanks George.
- ☉ The furnace decided to quit working now that the weather has cooled off. Glad to have it back in working order.
- ☉ Attended the Friends of the Troy Library meeting. They have agreed to sponsor the Author Night @ the Library by providing cookies and cider. We discussed having bigger prizes for the Adult Winter Program and they gave me the go ahead on that.
- ☉ Fern McLeod was so kind in providing fall flowers for the pots in front of the Library.
- ☉ Story time is still going strong with 8-10 kids attending. We have a very young group this year. The kids are mostly 3 years old. They were dressed in Halloween costumes on the 28. How cute!
- ☉ Pre-school visited for Halloween stories and treats. 19 kids so far.
- ☉ Working with Pam Stoddard, on the planning of an Author Night with the local authors for November.
- ☉ Weeding adult paperback books.