

The Colville Library Board of Trustees met on October 17, 2012 at the Colville Public Library. Meeting was called to order by Rich at 4:05pm. Present: Rich Brightman, Deanne Ressa, Willie Hume, Melissa Stalp, Krista Ohrtman, and Dorothy Bergin. Minutes for the January 2012 meeting were read, changes made and approved.

New Business: We determined the meeting dates for the 2013 year, meeting quarterly in the library basement. The dates are: January 9, April 10, July 10, and October 9 all meeting at 4pm. Deanne's term is expiring in December and she agreed to renew another five years upon the approval of the city.

Reports/information: Krista presented her manager's report noting the third quarter volunteer hours are 473 which includes approximately 35 volunteers. The preschool and baby story time every week continues as well as the teen book club. All branches of the Libraries of Stevens County were closed in September for training; they discussed upcoming procedure changes and updates on the budget and brainstormed ideas to build a positive atmosphere surrounding the library in 2013.

Over 200 young people tracked their reading for the Summer Reading Program and over 50 teens/adults submitted book reviews. Kama Siegal began her position as the new Technology Manager and Melinda Schauer will be working in a part-time position Saturdays and Mondays.

Upcoming changes in the new book checkout will be a two week time frame, encouraging more availability of new books.

Krista presented her budget proposal presentation in a flyer format instead of a PowerPoint to Colville City Council, which was well received. They are also not predicting massive cuts to various departments as happened in the past few years.

Khan-Do Electric was awarded the contract to retrofit the fluorescent lights in the basement meeting area after a bid process. If the 2013 budget is approved they will do the remainder of the lights in 2013.

Krista visited Hofstetter School for orientation and provided information on resources available at the library.

The Bright Beginnings preschool (3 yr olds) visited the library for a special Storytime, arranging for parents to pick them up at the library, which allowed several parents to sign up for library cards.

Also local author, Inga Jablonsky, will be sharing about her book titled, "Pioneer German sisters: the real missionaries of the Pacific "wild" west" Wednesday evening, October 17th at 6:30pm.

Krista informed us of the audit at the Chewelah Public Library requiring a payback for 2012/2013 years and likely requiring library days/hours cut to accommodate this shortfall. The District Library Board will be meeting Thursday, October 18th for a public budget meeting to discuss possible ways for funding.

We closed the meeting at 4:53pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9th at 4:00pm.