

Colville Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Kari Hubbard at 4:00pm. Attending the meeting were Dorothy Bergin (Colville City Council), Kari Hubbard, Missy Stalp, Deanne Ressa, and Krista Ohrtman.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as read by Missy and Deanne.

New Business:

Kari Hubbard has completed two consecutive terms and has fulfilled her commitment as Colville Public Library board member. It has been wonderful having Kari on the board and will not be the same without her, but we wish her well. We will be looking for a person that lives within the city limits to take her position.

A combined total of over 33,000 people passed through the doors of the library in August, September and October with over 36,000 items checked out.

Krista informed us that we are still waiting for the final results from the library levy-lid lift on the general election ballot for the Libraries of Stevens County. The levy is currently not passing, but there are an estimated 7,500 ballots left to count, with over 10,000 already counted. The next ballot count will be November 13.

Lisa Vos and Kristina Payne (from the Chewelah library) co-chaired this year's WALE (Washington Association of Library Employees) conference in Chelan. Amanda Six and Kathy Larson also attended and gained many new ideas. Preschool classes from Headstart and Bright Beginnings Preschool visited the library this fall for special story times. It was arranged for their parents to pick them up from the library, which resulted in new and/or renewed family library cards.

There are two positions available as a result of personnel changes in the county, 20 hours at Lakeside and 40 hours at Chewelah, this is a result of two employees leaving the area.

Krista also reported through a grant from the Washington State Department of Early Learning, Adrienne and other staff were able to attend Early Literacy Training on the Love, Talk, Play program which provides resources to new parents. They were able to supply Kindergarten Readiness Calendars through this program to Bright Beginnings and Astor Developmental Preschools.

Over the course of 2014 the Colville Public Library Improvement Club has welcomed 10 new members; this is nearly 1/3 of its membership and thus makes its membership new or relatively new. We are thankful for the dedicated group but also challenged to support these new members to learn the systems of the working library.



Colville City Council is working through the process of adopting a budget for 2015/2016. Krista submitted a budget proposal for the next two years in September and waiting to hear if it will be fully funded when Council approves its final budget.

The library will be closed the following days for the winter holidays; November 27 and 28th; December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st.

The Libraries of Stevens County Foundation (LOSC) is working on an event with Mike Leach, author of Geronimo: Leadership Strategies of an American Warrior. Their hope is to schedule soon after his schedule slows down.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm by the President. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 at 4:00pm.