The August meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Deborah Moore. Board Members Jim Brucker, Gail Huntley, Alec McKay, and Barbara Wolff were in attendance. Executive Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Finance Manager Sue DeWitz, and Administrative Assistant Anne Brangwin were also present.

The Minutes and Agenda of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Director’s report included Personnel, Mail Order, Litigation, Meetings, Branches, Koha, and Buildings. Neumiller attended the Washington Counties Insurance Fund meeting where the 2012 renewal rates were announced. The rate increase for Premera is 9.75%, for Vision (VSP) 5%, and for Washington Dental there will be a decrease of 9.75%. There will be detailed information for the board at the September meeting. There will be an employee health fair the first week of November. NCRL employees will have access to flu shots and ergonomics training during the fair. NCRL is looking at ways to make the Mail Order Collection easier for patrons to browse online. NCRL has been notified that additional oral arguments on the cross motions for summary judgment will be needed in light of the Washington State Supreme Court’s decision on the case. A date has not been set. Acting State Librarian, Rand Simmons recently visited NCRL. The City of George contacted Marney and expressed interest in opening a branch. The IT department reported that NCRL will soon have a live database test of the new ILS (KOHAI). The current schedule has staff training on the new system starting in October. Cobra Roofing has completed repairs to the Distribution Center roof which entailed recovering the walkways.

Howard presented the August Branch Report. NCRL branch libraries are continuing to receive great coverage by local papers for their summer reading programs. The online summer reading program has been a great success with 170 kids reading more than 10,000 hours as of August 1st. The Omak Library helped celebrate the City’s centennial in July with painted windows. Architect Gale Britt from DOH Associates has provided several drafts of a feasibility study for a new children’s area at the Wenatchee Public Library. The Oroville Library has new furnishings for their teen area. The City of Chelan has hired Hibbard Architecture Planning to help them develop a plan for a new library. Options include expanding the library at its current site, a new library, and the Masonic Lodge Building. Progress on the Quincy Library continues with an estimated opening in January 2012.
A Financial Report including fund balances, a listing of bills to be paid, and payroll was presented. Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer’s office as of July 31, 2011 were reviewed: General Fund $9,653,285.46, Automation Fund $477,565.91, Facility Improvement Fund $448,935.63, Payroll Fund $1,194,048.12 and Endowment Funds $442,544.69. Brucker moved that vouchers #55923 through #56008 in the amount of $350,892.36 and payroll in the amount of $290,343.37 be approved for payment. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board reviewed expenditures from the Designated Funds. Huntley moved that voucher #0111 in the amount of $14,067.29 be approved for payment. McKay seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board then reviewed expenditures from the Endowment Funds. Brucker moved that voucher #113 in the amount of $3,233.07 be approved for payment. Huntley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resolution 11-04: Mileage Reimbursement Rate was reviewed and discussed. The resolution sets the rate of reimbursement for mileage at $.555 per mile. After discussion Wolff moved to accept the resolution as presented. Brucker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees will be September 15, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Distribution Center in Wenatchee WA.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dean Marney, Executive Director

Deborah Moore, Chairperson