June 16, 2011
Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The June meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Deborah Moore. Board Members Jim Brucker, Alec McKay, and Barbara Wolff were in attendance. Executive Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Children’s Services Manager Angela Morris, 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, Automation, Buildings, and Auction. Kurt Bowman has been hired for the temporary part-time position in the IT department. Petra Michael, Cameron Hoey and Scott Weiss are this year’s summer puppeteers. They will start traveling to branches the week of June 20th. The Washington Counties Insurance Fund is projecting that they will have cost information for 2012 in August. Marney expects to provide full information and recommendations to the board at the September meeting. NCRL is on schedule to implement the new Integrated Library System (KOHA). NCRL has accepted a plan to repair defective Distribution Center roof walkways. The roofing company will pay for the materials and NCRL will cover the labor. NCRL has asked DOH Associates to do some preliminary feasibility studies for the basement of the Wenatchee Public Library. The complete totals for the Public Auction that was held on June 11th are not available yet, but a 2005 Chevy Express van received a winning bid for $9,250.00.

Howard presented the June Branch Report. NCRL hosted a Head Start Literacy Fair in Wenatchee on May 26th. 208 people participated, including 130 children. The event was made possible with a $1,500.00 grant from the Foundation for Early Learning written by Children’s Services Manager Angela Morris. The Friends of the Wenatchee Public Library, AmeriCorps, and Chelan-Douglas Head Start collaborated on the project with Morris. The Republic Library’s teen group called T-Lab won the Teen Video Challenge sponsored by the Collaborative Summer Library Program. The group won $250.00 and the video was picked as the official commercial for Washington’s summer reading program. T-lab also won first prize in the non-profit category for a float they constructed for the Republic Prospector’s Day parade on June 11th. There were three author programs held at the Wenatchee Public Library that corresponded with the annual Write on the River Conference. Keynote speaker Chelsea Cain spoke on Friday, May 13th, Authors Sarahlee Lawrence and Naseem Rakha on Sunday, May 15th, and Terri Doulan on Tuesday, May 17th. 19 employees attended a “Providing Library Service across Cultures” training provided by the Washington State Library at the Distribution Center. Managers Morris, Courtney Tiffany,
Malia Tucker, and Sharon Reddick attended a two day “Strategic Marketing in the Public Sector” course at the Cascade Center for Public Service and Leadership at the Evans School of Public Affairs in Seattle on May 19th & 20th.

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 May 31st, 2011 were reviewed: General Fund $10,016,600.69, Automation Fund $477,453.19, Facility Improvement Fund $454,606.23, Payroll Fund $1,193,766.28 and Endowment Funds $446,332.65. After review and discussion Brucker moved that vouchers #55686 through #55835 in the amount of $588,428.43 and payroll in the amount of $291,968.65 be approved for payment. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board discussed expenditures from the Designated Funds. Wolff moved that voucher # 0110 in the amount of $5,777.93 be approved for payment. Brucker seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Finally the board discussed expenditures from the Endowment Funds. Brucker moved that vouchers # 0109 through #0110 be approved for payment. McKay seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Morris gave a presentation to the Board on the new Online Summer Reading program. The program allows kids to record hours read, post book reviews, and win prizes on-line.

The next meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees will be July 14, 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