March 13, 2008
Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The March meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Central Regional Library was called to order by Chair Lynn Beltz. Board members Ruth Honey, Roger Lucas, Alec McKay, Deborah Moore and Barbara Wolff were present. Library Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Associate Director Marilyn Neumiller, Payroll/Purchasing Manager Dixie Taylor, and Children’s Services Manager Toni Hardy were also present.

The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

A financial report including revolving fund expenditures, fund balances, a listing of bills to be paid, and payroll was presented to the trustees. Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer's Office as of February 29th were reported: General Fund, $5,757,044.85; Automation Fund, $407,957.25; Service Center Facility Fund, $433,904.12; Payroll Emergency Fund, $1,008,532.94; and Endowment Funds, $470,176.69.

After review and discussion of financial reports and Revolving Fund expenditures, Moore moved that vouchers #50592 through #50723 in the amount of $474,623.80 and payroll in the amount of $251,635.24 be approved for payment. McKay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After review and discussion of Endowment Fund expenditures, Honey moved that vouchers #0040 through #0042 in the amount of $2,375.64 be approved for payment. Lucas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Director's Report included personnel, services, legislation and facilities. Sandi Purcell, Mail Order Library Manager, and Lucy Ford, Area Branch Manager, have been appointed Rural School Book Mobile Librarians. Shelley Small, Area Branch Manager, will be the Mail Order Library Manager. Connie Kuhlman, Moses Lake Branch Manager, will be the Grant County Region Manager. Sharon Reddick, Omak Branch Manager, will be the Okanogan and Ferry County Region Manager. Katy Sessions, Wenatchee Branch Manager will be the Chelan and Douglas County Region Manager. As a result, new Circulation Manager positions have opened in Moses Lake, Omak and Wenatchee branches. Joette Barry, formerly a branch substitute, has been hired to fill the vacated Grand Coulee Branch Librarian position. Daniel Parker has resigned from the Republic Library, and her hours were distributed among existing staff. The main delivery van will be switched to bio-diesel. Two new cars have been ordered from the State Contract. Seven employees will attend the joint OLA/WAL Conference in Vancouver to be held in April. $4,000,000 in school funding was included in the State's final budget. The Wenatchee Branch boiler is now operational. Interior painting has begun at the branch, and the planting areas are being redesigned. A video security system has been installed at the Quincy branch. An order of branch furniture has been placed with Correctional Industries. The NCW Quilt Guild will be hosted at the Distribution Center on April 30th to officially thank them for the Library Dragon wall hanging. Howard is working with the Art on the Avenue Committee on the installation of the new sculpture located at the entrance of the Distribution Center.
Howard presented the March Branch Report. A teen poetry event was held at the Chelan Library. Friends of the Wenatchee Public Library have received a $4,000.00 donation in memory of Mark Warren. A Summer Reading Program workshop was held in Ephrata. The theme for 2008 is “Catch the Reading Bug”. A genealogy workshop was held at the Distribution Center. A system-wide One Book program featuring Sherman Alexie’s THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN will run April through August and will include book discussions at branches throughout the district.

Neumiller presented the Automation Report. New staff computers have been installed in Moses Lake and Chelan, and the oldest staff computers in branch libraries are scheduled for replacement. Early Literacy Stations have been delivered and are ready for use. “What’s New on NCRL Web” workshops have been held in Moses Lake, Omak, and Wenatchee. Chad Roseburg held a workshop to introduce the new NCRL Help Desk, a tool he developed to assist in reporting and tracking computer problems. Technology Tuesday continues to be offered, with plans for increased advertising for the next sessions.

Executive Session to discuss filtering litigation was called at 1:51 p.m. After discussion, the regular meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for April 10, 2008 at the Distribution Center in Wenatchee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean C. Marney, Director

Lynn Beltz, Chairperson