The September meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Deborah Moore. Board members Lynn Beltz, Gail Huntley, Alec McKay, Jennifer Maydole, and Barbara Wolff were present. Dean Marney, Executive Director, Dan Howard, Director of Public Services, Marilyn Neumiller, Associate Director, Sue DeWitz, Finance Manager, Dixie Taylor, Payroll Manager, Angela Morris, Children’s Services Coordinator, and Anne Brangwin, Administrative Assistant were present as well.

Angela Morris, Children’s Services Coordinator was introduced to the Board of Trustees.

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

The Board acknowledged that Marney was placed on the wrong step on the pay scale in 2010. After discussion Maydole moved that no action be taken in 2010 but that he remains on the same level and the next step will be granted according to the correct schedule. Beltz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Director's report included Personnel, Services, Buildings, and Technology. There are no personnel changes this month. A Benefits Fair is scheduled for October 19th. Several big changes will be announced at the Fair, including new third party and prescription administrators. There will also be flu shots provided for employees. Marney asked that the board approve payment for the flu shots. After discussion Maydole moved to approve payment; Beltz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A falling book hit a patron at the Wenatchee Public Library and his glasses were damaged. The cost of replacement was lower than NCRL’s deductible; NCRL worked directly with a provider for a replacement. Neumiller’s Technology Tuesdays classes were featured in the Wenatchee World. NCRL sponsored the joint City of Pateros and Pateros Library summer outside movie event. Marney and Howard will be traveling to the Omak branch to help prepare the branch for the installation of new carpeting. Barbara Walters and Chad Roseberg from NCRL’s IT department, worked with a consultant from LocalTel to clean up and improve the network connections and capabilities.

Howard presented the September Branch Report. Children’s Services Coordinator Angela Morris led branch libraries to our most successful summer reading program on record. Kids read 4,527,120 minutes over the summer. This is a new record and a 18% increase over 2009. NCRL’s Mobile Library for Rural Schools has added Beaver Valley Elementary School in Plain. Author Mary Lou Sanelli read Passages from her memoir “Among Friends” at the Wenatchee
Public Library on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. NCRL has begun working with a local organization called The Initiative For Rural Innovation and Stewardship (IRIS) on a project that will collect and preserve historic photographs of food production in central Washington. HiP/Horizon refresher training was presented by Neumiller at the Distribution Center on August 26th. “Tough Reference Questions” training was presented at the Omak Library on September 8th.

Morris gave a report on the 2010 Summer Reading Program. The slogan this year was “Make a Splash at your Library.” Highlights of the program included Ephrata Librarian Kay Dirks taking the program on the road and visiting local summer lunch programs in her community, Bridgeport Librarian Michele Orosco partnering with Summer School, and Mattawa Librarian Josie Toscano partnering with local daycares. The Pacific Science Center was one of the most popular programs that visited the libraries this summer.

A financial report including fund balances, bills to be paid and payroll was presented to the board. Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer’s Office as of August 31, 2010 were: General Fund $7,413,104.30, Automation Fund $451,658.45, Facility Improvement Fund $437,118.65, Payroll Fund $1,141,768.99 and Endowment Funds $461,292.76. After review and discussion Huntley moved to approve voucher # 54584 through # 54700 in the amount of $380,734.52 and payroll in the amount of $286,708.24 be approved for payment. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The board then discussed expenditures from the Endowment Funds. Maydole moved that voucher #0088 through #0089 in the amount of $3,016.20 be approved for payment. Huntley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The board discussed moving the next board meeting from October 14th to October 21st. The board decided to move the meeting.

The next meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Distribution Center, Wenatchee WA.

The being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Marney, Executive Director

Deborah Moore, Chairperson