

September 10, 2009  
Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The September meeting of the North Central Regional Library board of trustees was called to order by Chairperson Lynn Beltz. Board Members Jim Brucker, Roger Lucas, Alec McKay and Jennifer Maydole were present. Executive Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Finance Manager Sue DeWitz, HR Manager Dixie Taylor and Administrative Assistant Anne Brangwin were present as well.

The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were accepted with the following corrections; the addition of Board Member Deborah Moore in the list of trustees present, and the correction of the misspelled word manager. Brucker moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Maydole seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Director's report included personnel, services, and buildings. Jennifer Oatey has been hired for the part-time position at the Chelan branch. Malia Tucker, Kim Fullerton, and Jennifer Thompson have been elected to the Safety Committee. The committee is investigating ways to combat the swine flu. Representatives of Labor and Industries met with DeWitz and Taylor to discuss our past claims and look into ways to reduce claims in the future. The Long Term Care Indemnity Insurance is now available. Representatives from UNUM will be here in October to explain the program and sign up employees. NCRL has just published a new Mail Order catalog with new sections featuring book club favorites, large print, Christian fiction, holiday books, local history and more. Marney received a "thank you" from Patience Rogge for NCRL's help in an Open Government Forum at the Wenatchee Public Library. Staff helped set up the meeting and gave technical assistance so the meeting could be a "live feed" on the internet. *Mexican Whiteboy*, NCRL's Teen One Book, is proving to be popular and controversial. Four schools have opted out of the program because of its themes about racism. The award winning author will be visiting numerous schools in our region as part of the program. Along with author visits, discussion groups will be held in all the branches. NCRL is encouraging both parents and teens to read and discuss the book together. The Methow branches were closed temporarily on August 22 because of lack of power caused by fires in the Schull Ridge Complex of the Pasayten Wilderness. NCRL is doing interior painting in portions of the Distribution Center and the Wenatchee branch. Most of the work will be done after closing hours.

Howard presented the September Branch Report. Branch employees have begun implementing a Live Homework Help marketing campaign this month. A person from each branch will contact at least one junior high, or high school science or math teacher in their area. 21 employees attended the Every Child Ready to Read @ your library training at the Distribution Center, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

26 employees are registered for the Washington Association of Library Employees (WALE) conference in Wenatchee, September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>. HIP/Horizon refresher for substitutes-basic and advanced training was offered by Neumiller at the Omak library on August 11<sup>th</sup> and in Wenatchee on August 19<sup>th</sup>. There were 3,821,220 minutes read in 2009 during the Summer Reading Program. It was a 22% increase over the minutes read in 2008.

A financial report, including 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 August 30, 2009 were reviewed: General Fund \$6,777,759.83, Automation Fund \$444,541.40, Facility Improvement Fund \$447,357.91 and Payroll Fund \$1,087,730.39. After review and discussion, Maydole moved that vouchers #53001 through #53103 in the amount of \$320,305.86 and payroll in the amount of \$278,464.91 be approved for payment. Lucas Seconded the Motion which passed unanimously. After review and discussion of expenditures from the Endowment Funds, Brucker moved that Voucher #0057 in the amount of \$225.99 be approved for payment. Maydole seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed whether NCRL should join the Early Learning Public Library Partnership. The ELP is a consortium of Public Libraries in Washington State. NCRL would have a 2 year commitment to ELP. Maydole moved that NCRL should join ELP. Lucas seconded the motion which passed uniamously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for October 15, 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



Dean Marney, Executive Director



Lynn Beltz, Chairperson