

Director's Meeting
April 9, 2015
Lawrence Public Library

Staff Present: Melendra Sanders, Carol Barta, Richard Miller, Duane Mayer, LaDonna Clark
Library Staff: Denise Hull, Rodger Charles, Robin Clark, Crystal Applegarth, Sandy Jenkins, Kathleen Caster, Peter Vopata, Elizabeth Tschetter, and Judith Cremer.

Tour of Lawrence Public Library

APPLE students gave their report on the training

Board Member Reports. To collect board members every year it is a 50 field report. Is there a way to collect the information and not have to retype the information every year? We would like your feedback on this process. What would work best, a Word document, Excel spreadsheet, a template, for you to change out officers for every year? The form going to libraries could be: excel, word, google doc, not sure. Changeover is May 1, and we need the info by June 15, 2015.

Legislative Session. Session is on break currently. There isn't much that applies to libraries this year. Not much damage to the state library budget. KS Library catalog turned out to be a false alarm. Disaster was averted. Database \$ was put in a protected part of the budget. Bill of concern...Senate bill 42, but will probably be put into something else and pass...public funds for lobbying. Concealed carry did not go forward. Anyone over 21 can carry concealed weapon. Put up a sign to prevent open carry.

Two bills on who appoints governor appointees and the bills have not made it out of committee. The Governor is choosing not to appoint, so people stay on the board until decided who appoints.

CE Update. We are offering a WordPress and Excel Charts workshops in April. We are offering two upcoming craft workshops, one tomorrow and one next week. Mini kits are available as well as Easy Reader kits. The checkout is the same as story time kits. We have seven easy readers on a theme like an animal, for example. The kits include a stuffed animal with the idea to read to a stuffed animal which replaces the idea of the program of reading to a dog. So you can read to a frog and pigeon with those stuffed animals.

Book Fair is May 7, 2015. See KNOW for vendors and authors in attendance.

KLA October at Bartlett Hall Sep 30 Oct 1 and 2. There are CE grants for registration costs. State library luncheon is on Friday.

Wireless. We have 27 installs of new access points that run on the office controller. We have 9 installs to go. We can see different devices attach, see how much data is being used, etc. and even block devices.

Library Reports

Burns. We are doing a number of things for family night friendly such as board games that can be checked out. We are looking at doing audio programs so families can listen to audio while play board

games during family night. We are expanding summer reading for the whole summer and for all ages and also for senior citizens to work with younger kids. We have put together an educational package to help home-schooling parents, and a small Christian College package for a local Christian school, K-8.

Clay Center. As of June 30 an employee retires after 27 years. I am re working schedules with new hours, and will be hiring someone. We are also trying to get front steps fixed. We went through the bidding process and will need to do it again.

Abilene. We are fine free for the foreseeable future. Kara and Wendy both attended an Active Shooter Workshop, by Homeland Security, at the Prairie Band Casinos. We learned about planning in case of an active shooter incident at the library. Working to get all board members approved before May. Need to get the city manage to put it on the agenda before their first meeting in May. We will get three new board members this year. Kara. Abilene library has art exhibits at the library where artist comes in and sit with patrons in a workshop. It is well received.

Hope. We are still doing our educational outreach program which reaches 81 out of 143 kids ages K-12. This is funded by a grant. We have been hosting a weekly bible study at the library and now we have a Women's Christian book club starting. May 2016 I will retire and move to Ecuador.

Pott Wab. We are working on the annual report, and with the state historical society on digital newspaper projects. KS resident can access 6 newspapers for free on *newspapers.com* now. Topeka Police Department is offering a Citizens Academy with Topeka PD, and Judith is taking part of. On Saturday I will go to the firing range with a real ammunition. It is interesting.

Riley. We are processing books like crazy. There have been several exhibit in the library this year. We will get three new board members this year, so we will need board member training. There is always something popping at the library.

Peabody. Last month an adult book club started suddenly. The second meeting is in May. The summer reading program has 5 certified teachers working it and three have quit, so we are in panic mode. Library Service grant the last bid of wiring is no deactivate with no current so ins adjuster can sleep at night. We have one new board member coming on. We found out the wheel chair lift eligible for 2017 budget, so that is good news.

Emporia. I will attend my first board meeting this evening where I will present my new budget. We moved the Teen librarian to the teen department. We had a great historical program where 35 people attended, which was great. We are working hard on summer reading. We are thinking about changing our catalog.

Wamego. We are hosting a summer reading workshop on the 16th. We got a new TV for Children's area. We are getting a free library, which was donated by a local high school and it will open sometime this summer. The annual library report is coming up. Wamego is hosting The KS Sampler Festival which is held May 2-3 in Wamego. The friends will have a booth for kids, and we are looking forward to it.

