

Central Plains Library System Annual Meeting

July 12, 2019

Valentine Public Library

324 North Main Street

Valentine, NE 69201

Present: Denise Harders, Kay Kloppenborg, Autumn Carlson, Christa Porter, Shawna Lindner, Tony Anderson, Terri Eberly, Judy Hagan, Janene Hill, Jane Hilton, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Matt Williams, Tim Johnson, Eric Jones, Keri Anderson, Anne Quigley, Katy O’Kief, Katie Foster, Todd Flynn, Sherrie Dux-Ideus, Marlan Ideus, Janette Duffield, Shelley Ruterbories.
Presenters: Denise Scaler, Avis Roper, Artes Johnson

Absent: Doris Brandon, Linda Nickel

Denise Harders welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Christa Porter, Director of Library Development, Nebraska Library Commission. Christa gave the report from the Library Commission.

- Library Innovation Studios Project. Installation of equipment and local training will be completed by the end of July for cycle 5 participants. The libraries will receive a \$1,000. Internship Grant from NLC to secure an intern to work specifically with the makerspaces. Cycle 6 participants: Nebraska City, Blue Hill, Grant, Nelson (mini studio with Blue Hill), La Vista, Lied Pierce, McCook and Superior Public Libraries.
- State Budget: Funding for the Library Commission remained the same. The biennium budget includes a \$5,467. Increase for the regional library systems over current fiscal year funding for FY2020 and \$11,043.00 for FY 2021 to be divided equally among the four regions.
- LSTA Funding and Legislation
- Libraries and Flooding. NLC and the Regional Library systems contacted all public, school, and academic libraries to see how libraries were affected. NLC staff participated in conference calls arranged by the Heritage Emergency National Task Force (FEMA/DHS) to inform and discuss recovery efforts related to libraries, museums, arts, parks, and other cultural places.
- Nebraska Public Library Accreditation- 2019: 65 public libraries in Nebraska are due to renew their accreditation. All unaccredited public libraries that have completed their Public Library Survey will be invited to apply for accreditation.
- Library Commission Personnel News
- E-rate Funding
- NCompass Live Schedule and Basic Skills Schedule

Call to Order/Roll Call: Judy Hagan called the fifth annual meeting of the Central Plains Library System to order on July 18, 2018 at 1:20 p.m. The attendees introduced themselves including which library or organization they were representing.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Central Plains Library System’s annual meeting, which was held July 18, 2018, were circulated. Jane Hilton made a motion to approve the minutes. Terri Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Director’s Report:

- Denise reviewed the 2018-2019 annual report in brochure format
- CPLS serves an area that covers 31,960 square miles
- School Science Days with S.T.E.A.M. equipment were held at McCook Elementary School and Atkinson Public Library with over 375 students attending
- Week of Weeding was held in August and again in April with 40 participating institutions and over 18,100 items weeded
- Full “S.T.E.A.M. Ahead” events were held at Atkinson Public Library, Hastings Public Library and Wilson Public Library to demonstrate the makerspace items available through CPLS
- 19 Workshops and Co-Sponsored Events
- Highlights for the year: 59 book club kits circulated, 1300 aliens-13 spheros-145 puppets and 30 blocks rock sets were purchased in group orders, 82 professional journals were circulated and \$4,079.60 were awarded in scholarships
- If there is a service/need you would like to see CPLS offer, please let Denise know

Upcoming events: Meeting of the Minds, July 30, Broken Bow Library 10-1. Next CPLS meeting will be held October, 11, 11:00 a.m. at Atkinson Public Library.

Retiring CPLS Board Member:

- Shawna Linder

Denise thanked Shawna for her service on the board and as secretary.

Election of New Board Members:

Terri Johnson made a motion to vote as a slate. Jane Hilton seconded. New Board members elected to 3-year term (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022)

- Tony Anderson-Library Advocate, Alma
- Lori Long-School Librarian, Gothenburg
- Linda Nickel-Library Advocate, Gibbon
- Matthew Williams-Librarian, Kearney
- Shelley Ruterbories-Librarian, Garfield County, Burwell

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00. The attendees enjoyed a program funded by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and the Johnny Carson Fund at the Nebraska Cultural Endowment “The Audacious, NE Saga—Descendants of DeWitty”.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri C. Eberly, Secretary