

Central Plains Library System
Annual Meeting
July 10, 2020—1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present: Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson, Christa Porter, Tony Anderson, Keri Anderson, Doris Brandon, Terri Eberly, Judy Hagan, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Matthew Williams, Kathy Thomsen, Steve Fosselman, Mo Khamouna, Dixie Codner, Jamie Dennis, Cynthia Blum, Michelle McCay-Broyles, Mike Burris, Katie Foster, Mary Koch.

Absent: Jane Hilton, Linda Nickel, Shelley Ruterbories

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

- NLC Office Update: As of Monday, July 6, offices and the TBBS are open by appointment only. 60% of staff working from home. Passport service remains suspended.
- COVID19-Pandemic Resources for Libraries: Information regarding pandemic preparedness, current outbreaks, list of library closings, accommodations and openings can be found on the NLC website. IMLS provides updates regarding how long the virus remains active on library materials.
- Biennium Budget Request: State agency budget requests are due September 15. State and local tax receipts have declined significantly due to pandemic. State budgets will be affected with possible reductions in the current fiscal year that began July 1 and for the next biennium beginning July 1, 2021.
- LSTA Appropriations: There has been no action at this point on appropriations for federal agencies and programs for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1.
- Library Innovation Studios Project: The trainer sessions for Superior will begin on July 21-22. The number of people to be trained will be reduced. More equipment videos and recorded webinars are being produced for library staff and volunteers. NLC will not be hosting the Maker Showcase at the 2020 Nebraska State Fair due to COVID.
- IMLS Cares Act Funds for Grants to States: IMLS received \$50 million in CARES Act funds for the coronavirus response in libraries and museums. The NLC received \$175,000. Part of the funding has been designated to cover the statewide subscription to Reader Zone. The remaining \$165,000. Was made available to libraries through a competitive grant process. Application deadline was June 30, 2020. 73 applications were received requesting \$281,046. Applications are being reviewed and recipients will be notified by the end of July. There is no monetary match required for the funding.
- E-rate Funding year 2020 Update: As of July 2, 2020, USAC released Wave 9 of funding commitment decision letters. 59 libraries funded for \$180,725. Check NLC website for a list of recipients.
- NUSF-117-E-Rate Special Construction State matching Grant Program: In response to the Rural Broadband Task Force Report, the Nebraska Public Service Commission has implemented a program to incentivize new fiber construction to public libraries through the FCC's E-Rate Special Construction Program. This program allocates one million dollars of funding over a four-year period to schools and libraries to assist with fiber builds to their city. See website for full details. <https://www.nebraska.gov/psc/ordes/telecom/2020-05-19%20NUSF-117%Order.pdf>
- NCompass Live Schedule: NCompass Live is broadcasting weekly and Christa noticed an increase in the number of participants. See Website for detailed schedule, registration and information.
- Basic Skills 2020 Schedule: See the NLC website for class schedules.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Judy Hagan, followed by the introduction of attendees.

The minutes of the of the July 12, 2019, meeting was read. It was moved by Tony Anderson and seconded by Janene Hill to approve the minutes with a correction to the call to order date (July 18, 2018 to July 12, 2019). Motion carried and minutes approved as corrected.

Director's Report: Denise Harders presented the annual report.

- Reader Zone extended usage through August with a statewide Reader Challenge.
- Weekly ZOOM meetings held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. will continue as needed.
- Virtual workshops.
- Meeting of the Minds (director's only)
- CPLS YouTube Channel and other social media platforms will feature training sessions and ready-made programming. Participants will receive CEs for the sessions.
- New experience kits will be available.
- New S.T.E.A.M. equipment rolled out.

Other Business: ARSL 2020 will be virtual. Grant recipients will receive information on guidelines of covered costs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Virtual Tours of the Loup River Distilling and the Museum of Nebraska Major League Baseball were made available to attendees.

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Respectfully submitted,
Terri Eberly, Secretary