

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the August 18, 2016
York City Council meeting

1. The **Elmer Baker** display case is filled with a collection of artwork by Caleb Groves. The **Kent Bedient** gallery is transforming from the Summer Reading activities to a Battle of the Books event we are planning as we celebrate 30 years in our current building.
2. **Summer Reading** is over. The statistics are still being tallied, but early reports are that nearly 500 children registered and a little more than 50% completed the challenge. These are awesome numbers for our library.
3. The programs presented by the **4-H Extension educators** were a great addition to our summer activities. We are planning two, four-week workshops to introduce robotics concepts using Legos this fall. These sessions will be for students in grades 4 – 8. The dates for the introductory sessions are September 15, 23, 30 and October 6. They will be at the library from 4 – 5 pm.
4. **StoryWalk 2016** books will be delivered on the trail the first week of each month through the year. The August title is *Up, Down, and Around* by Katherine Ayres. Our partner for this month is the Parks and Recreation Department.
5. The summer reading **SMACKDOWN** with Seward started on June 1 and runs through July 30 this year. We had 119 registered readers in York. The final count was close but Seward prevailed again this year. The final tally was Seward 2,557 and York 2,207.
6. We are promoting another fun reading challenge. **Nebraska 150 Books Project** is a cooperative event to encourage reader's to read books about Nebraska, by Nebraskan's. The selection committee has identified titles that represent the collection to celebrate our state's sesquicentennial in 2017. Reader's can pick up a reading sheet to track the books they read at Kilgore Memorial Library or download the form from nebraska150books.org. Those who meet the reading challenges can register to be in a drawing for prizes from this activity.

Please mark your calendar and join us for these upcoming events at the library:

- **August 23** starting at 11:30 am the York County Health Coalition's End of Life Partnership and Kilgore Memorial Library are hosting a public forum on the book *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. This event will start with a light lunch and a viewing followed by discussion of the book with regional health care providers.
- **August 31** Two sessions of the barn quilt painting workshop are now scheduled from 8:30 to 12:30 and then from 1 – 5 pm, with Suzi Parron, author of Barn Quilt books. Suzi will also speak at 7:00 that evening about her experience as a writer of books about the Barn Painting world. These events are co-hosted with the library by the Quilt Basket in York.
- **September 11** Kilgore Memorial Library, the building, will be 30-years old in September! The Friends of the Library invite you to join us for an open house including a new event, The York Author Showcase. The York Author Showcase is a partnership with the Nebraska Writer's Guild. There will be nine authors in York to promote writing and their books. We are planning this to become an annual event in York to help the Writer's Guild celebrate the great authors in Nebraska who look to libraries for support of their work.

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