

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the January 21, 2016
York City Council meeting

1. The **Elmer Baker** display case is filled with a display of photography by Sue Curran titled "Let It Snow". The photos in this collection were taken around the York community. The **Kent Bedient** gallery continues to host a display by the Living Water Mission.
2. The **StoryWalk** project is very popular and the Friends of the Library have been asked to consider creating a StoryWalk committee to select the books for the walk create the posters and develop new activities for this venue.
3. **Kathryn Karabel**, a York high school student, has been hired as an additional nights and weekend shelver. This position was added to fill in when regular shelvers need time off. No additional funding is required for this position.
4. Library staff members and the city custodial team have been working to rearrange workspaces in the backroom of the library. Greg Buller and Rachel Mayfield have moved our IT and Technical Services departments into smaller rooms off the main backroom space. Carol Gruber and Deb Robertson are working to identify stored items to be cataloged for the local history collection to be housed in the closed stack area being developed in the backroom of the library. The large room is also going to house a new workspace for public service desk staff when projects require privacy or concentration away from the busy desk. This project utilizes many furniture pieces from the former workspaces. Funding provided to develop our IT department workspace and county funding to create a part-time position.
5. **Ruth Peters** from the Nebraska Workforce office in York made a presentation to the library staff on how we can work together to meet the needs of job seekers in York. How to register with the state NEWorks system and what users can do once registered was explained. Sending patrons with need to setup an email address in the job search process, compile a resume or apply for unemployment benefits to the Workforce Office was encouraged by Ruth.
6. Library Board member **Susan Cox** and Library director, **Deb Robertson** attended a Strategic Planning and reaccreditation application process workshop presented by Richard Miller from the Nebraska Library Commission and Scott Childers, Executive Director of the Southeast Library System. This workshop was held at Kilgore Memorial Library.

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

- Friends Valentine's event -- Saturday, February 13 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.
- Used Book Sale – Thursday through Saturday, March 17 to 19
- Jeff Kurkus author event – Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm

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