

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the June 18, 2015
York City Council

1. The **Elmer Baker** display case is filled with a collection of bobble-heads from Todd Kirschenbaum's collection. The **Kent Bedient Hall Gallery** is filled with summer reading activities for June and July.
2. The **Summer Reading Club** has started. There have been magicians, scientists, and super heroes, sharing their talents with the children who attend the sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday's during June and July. There are already 500 children registered to take part in this activity!
3. The 3rd annual adult **Summer Reading SMACKDOWN** competition for adult readers with Seward to ultimately learn, "*who reads more on Highway 34*" has over 75 registered participants. We need everyone to help us keep the trophy in York this year! This contest will end on August 31st.
4. **Deb Robertson** was invited to make a presentation at the Southeast Library System's annual Training Extravaganza. The topic she was asked to talk about was the impact of networking within a community for the library.
5. Book two, *I Love Bugs*, by Philemon Sturges is currently on display for the **York StoryWalk®**.
6. The library's **strategic planning process** for re-accreditation from the Nebraska Library Commission in 2016 has started. Citizen's Advisory Board Members and the library staff were asked to complete a SWOT analysis of the library's external and internal environments using a tool provided by the NLC. A compilation of this data was shared with the 10-member strategic planning committee who were asked to share thoughts on anything that stood out to them and to add any additional strengths or weaknesses they could identify from their perspective of the library. This committee is comprised of members representing a cross-section of the community.
7. The **Citizen's Advisory Library Board** held a "Looking Forward" retreat in May. Board members were invited to celebrate the accomplishments they have seen at the library since they joined the board. The SWOT tool for strategic planning was distributed. Looking forward there was discussion on the roles of the Advisory Board, the Library Director, and the association with the Library Foundation, and Friends of the Library group. To set a vision the Advisory Board has set a goal to create a comprehensive master-plan for the facility and grounds of Kilgore Memorial Library. This work will help the Foundation and Friends focus on the identified needs of the library with their work.
8. The **Friends of the Library** have reorganized. They will now have quarterly general membership meetings. New officers have been elected and the executive committee, with Deb Robertson as an Ex-Officio member which will meet monthly. Committees have been established to carry on the occasional work of the group.

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