

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the October 20, 2016
York City Council meeting

1. The **Elmer Baker** display case is filled with a collection of Halloween figurines from the collection of Sue Curran. The **Kent Bedient** gallery hosting the tournament brackets of our first Battle of the Books here in York. This contest pits popular titles against each other and participants vote on their favorite in each bracket. By Thanksgiving we will know which book is the favorite book of York's readers. To learn more, or join in the fun visit <http://libraries.ne.gov/york/battle-of-the-books/>.
2. Carol Gruber has submitted her intend to retire at the end of 2016. After 32 years she has decided it is time to spend time enjoying her family, especially watching the grandchildren and attending their activities. Carol will be missed, but we wish her the best in this next phase of her life. The search to fill Carol's position is open and can be reviewed at <http://libraries.ne.gov/york/employment-opportunities/>.
3. The second fall robotics workshop starts September 25th. The **York County Extension educators** and library IT staff member, **Greg Buller**, are collaborating on these classes. 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. Each session has filled with twelve students.
4. **StoryWalk 2016** books will be delivered on the trail the first week of each month through the year. The October book is Brooms are for Flying by Michael Rex.
5. 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. Readers 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.
6. Kilgore Memorial Library is in the process of **re-accreditation** with the Nebraska Library Commission. After having our strategic plan approved (see <http://libraries.ne.gov/york/york-public-library-strategic-plan-2016-2019/>) we were invited to complete the application for reaccreditation. We applied for the Gold level! There is no doubt that the public library in York will be re-accredited, the only question is will we be at the silver or gold level. Time will tell.
7. Fall **Storytime** started on September 9th with a room full of preschoolers and their adult caregivers. **Toddle Dance and Fun Time** kicks on this week on Wednesday. These two programs continue to be very popular with families and day care centers.
8. Youth Services Librarian, **Judy Andrews** attended the annual Plum Creek Literature Festival at Concordia University, Seward.
9. Technical Services coordinator, **Rachel Mayfield** is attending an advanced cataloging class for cataloging media. Rachel is working to be certified as a cataloger through the Nebraska Library Commission.
10. Deb Robertson attended a workshop sponsored by the state-wide system administrators on Leading Through Times of Change. This was a very timely and interesting workshop.

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