

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the September 18, 2014
York City Council

1. The Adult Summer Reading SMACKDOWN program closed on August 30th. One hundred eighteen registered York readers reported reading 2,842 books and Seward reported 2,815 books. York wins by 27 books!
 - a. Following the news release distributed about this event I have been interviewed by Genevieve Randall from NET Radio for the Friday Live radio program. The recorded interview will air on Friday, September 19th at 9:00 am.
 - b. Deb has also been invited to do a presentation on this program at the Northeast Library System's annual meeting in Norfolk on September 25th.
2. A partnership between Kilgore Memorial Library and the York County End-of-Life Coalition has resulted in planning a special community event titled, *A Little Grief Support for Harold Fry*. This event, scheduled for Noon, Wednesday, October 15 will include an interview of the main character from the book, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, by Rachel Joyce. End-of-Life support experts will be on hand to "interview" Harold who will be portrayed by Layne Pierce, a librarian from Lincoln City Libraries. Our event has been modeled from a similar event hosted during the 2013 One Book – One Lincoln event that partnered Lincoln City Libraries with Tabitha.
3. A new section of our web site includes information about scheduled events being supported by the Friends of the Library. See <http://libraries.ne.gov/york/about-us/friends-of-the-library/friends-of-kilgore-library-events/> for details.
4. The Nebraska Library Commission and the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension are offering several technology-related training opportunities during the months of September, October, and November. Staff members from York will be attending these opportunities as follows:
 - "Technology for Librarians 101" (a 3-part series) – **Carol Gruber**
 - "Staying Connected with Broadband" (offered at York public library!) – **Libby Munsell**
 - "Introduction to eBooks and eReaders" **Judy Andrews**
 - "Responding to the Digital Era—Helping Ourselves Help Small Business Owners" (offered by the Nebraska Broadband Initiative *comes with a special invitation to the Broadband Connecting Nebraska Conference*) **Deb Robertson**

These events are offered as part of the Nebraska Broadband Initiative. This Broadband Mapping and Planning Initiative is funded through a grant to the Nebraska Public Service Commission by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration and aims to increase broadband adoption and use. Project partners include the University of Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Nebraska Information Technology Commission, Nebraska Public Service Commission, and the AIM Institute. For more information about this initiative, check <http://broadband.nebraska.gov>.

Mileage reimbursement is available, classes are free, and class sizes are limited.

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