

Kilgore Memorial Library  
Director's Report  
Prepared for the September 15, 2016  
York City Council meeting

1. The **Elmer Baker** display case is filled with a collection of Tweety Bird figurines from the collection of Evelyn Tweedie Campbell. 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. The **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kilgore Memorial Library** building event was held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> three days before the exact anniversary of the dedication ceremony in 1986. The Friends of Kilgore Library hosted the event with refreshments. The library staff hosted a children's make and take activity and a display of memorabilia from the old library and through the move to the current building. Including using the embosser that was used to engrave the title page of library books with "York Public Library."
3. In conjunction with the library anniversary, the first annual **York Author Showcase** was held. This event showcased nine members of the Nebraska Writer's Guild. Each author had a table to display their work and sign copies for patrons who purchased them. Each author was also given 15 minutes to read from their work or give background on how they came to write the books they have. This event will become an annual event in York with the writer's guild and other interested groups.
4. The first fall robotics workshop starts September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.
5. **StoryWalk 2016** books will be delivered on the trail the first week of each month through the year. The September title Move! By Steve Jenkins. Our partner for this month is the Elks Lodge #1024.
6. The library and the Quilt Basket hosted two **Barn Quilt** painting workshops. This was so popular that we opened a second session. By the end of the day there were 51 newly painted wooden quilt blocks. Suzi Parron, the researcher and author of two books on this topic then did a presentation that evening on how she found this topic and has grown it to a fulltime business.
7. 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](http://nebraska150books.org). Those who meet the reading challenges can register to be in a drawing for prizes from this activity.
8. Kilgore Memorial Library is in the process of **re-accreditation** with the Nebraska Library Commission. The first step in this process is to submit a strategic plan for how the library will work with the community leaders to meet the needs of the community. Our plan has been approved and can be reviewed online at <http://libraries.ne.gov/york/york-public-library-strategic-plan-2016-2019/>. The next step is to complete the application for accreditation by September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

9. Fall **Storytime** started on September 9<sup>th</sup> with a room full of preschoolers and their adult caregivers. **Toddle Dance and Fun Time** kicks on this week on Wednesday.
10. Youth Services Librarian, **Judy Andrews** attended the annual Youth Services Retreat held at Ashland this year.
11. Technical Services coordinator, **Rachel Mayfield** is attending her last class to be a certified library staff member. This is a huge accomplishment on her part. Now she will be required to meet the continuing education requirements necessary to keep this status current.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debora Robertson".

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