

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the April, 2014
York City Council Meeting

1. The **Spring Storytime series** continues. On Friday, April 4, Carol Gruber was the substitute reader and she was joined by a special guest baby lamb who added the sound effects for "Baa, baa black sheep". Storytime will come to a close in April and return in the fall. **Come and Go Crafts** moved to the Senior Center as part of the Peep Show on April 12th. More than 100 participants took part in creating their own peeps to take home. The final **Saturday Story Day** for spring will take place at 2:00, Saturday, April 19 with "Peculiar Pets" as the focus.
2. The **new library web site** found online at <http://libraries.ne.gov/york> went live in conjunction with the city's new online site. The site includes a blog section where the library staff will be posting on topics related to their responsibilities at the library. The first series of postings include each staff member introducing themselves. Feedback from the public has been very positive and we look forward to keeping everyone informed of services and events through this new service. Anyone interested in keeping up with our blog can subscribe to receive email notifications at <http://libraries.ne.gov/york/blog/> or friend Kilgore Memorial Library on Facebook to see links to new postings.
3. To celebrate **National Library Week**, April 13 through 19, patrons being invited to register to win one of three book sets. There is one set for the three reading levels of Adults, Young Adults, or Juvenile interests.
4. The library is conducting a national **survey** to collect insights on the use of technology by York citizens. A link to the survey is available from our new web site and will be available through May 9th. The *Impact Survey* was developed by researchers at the University of Washington and is supported with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Responses to the survey will help us evaluate and improve the library's technology services. After collecting feedback from library users and non-users alike the library staff will assess what they learn to help develop partners for programming to meet the interests and needs of the community we serve.
5. The library staff continues to network and learn by attending Spring meetings of **Nebraska Library Association** sections for Paraprofessionals, Intellectual Freedom, Technical Services, and Reading-Aloud to make literature come alive.

Upcoming activities include:

1. Reaching out to community leaders for staff development opportunities and collaboration possibilities for the coming year continues.
2. Reviewing grant opportunities to assist staff with developing programming and services from the library.
3. Attending User Group Meeting for library automation system, Apollo.
4. Youth Summer Reading Club kicks off on May 22nd.
5. The *Summer Reading Smack Down* contest between York and Seward starts June 1st.

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