

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the November 17, 2016
York City Council meeting

1. The **Elmer Baker** display case is filled with a collection of Photographs of the area by Judy Schoch. The **Kent Bedient** gallery hosting the tournament brackets of our first Battle of the Books here in York. 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 intent 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. Kilgore Memorial Library was the host of a state-wide **Apollo User Group** meeting held on October 18. Librarians from twenty-seven libraries attended the workshop hosted by Biblionix, the company we all work with for our library automation services. A company representative was in York for this event.
4. On October 19, the staff of Kilgore Memorial Library had the consultant from Biblionix to work with on questions and issues they have about the software we all use to complete library business on a daily basis. This was a very productive day for all involved.
5. **Greg Buller** attend a preconference session for the Nebraska Library Association's annual conference. The session was held at Do Space in Omaha and many ideas were shared about serving the public's technology needs by librarians from across Nebraska.
6. The Nebraska Library Association's annual conference was held October 20 and 21. **Rachel Mayfield and Deb Robertson** attend both days, **Judy Andrews** joined us on Friday. We all attended very different sessions and each session offered a variety of ideas for us to incorporate here at York. During the conference, **Deb Robertson** accepted the gavel to be the President of the Public Library and Trustees section of the association.
7. The second fall robotics workshop started on September 25th with twelve excited students. The **York County Extension educators** and library IT staff member, **Greg Buller**, are collaborating on these classes. This is the second four-week long workshop to introduce robotics concepts using Legos this fall. The sessions invited students in grades 4 – 8 to join and explore the possibilities of robotics at the library.
8. **Greg** has also accepted an invitation to work with the **YMS after school program** to offer a similar robotics class for interested students.
9. **StoryWalk 2016** books will be delivered on the trail the first week of each month through the year. The November book is *Run, Turkey, Run!* By Diane Mayr.
10. 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.
11. Kilgore Memorial Library is GOLDEN! We have received notice that our accreditation application was accepted and approved by the Nebraska Library Commission's Library Development Director. After having our strategic plan approved (see <http://libraries.ne.gov/york/york-public-library-strategic-plan-2016-2019/>) the next step was to complete the application for reaccreditation.

12. The library hosted our annual ***Not So Scary Halloween Party*** on October 28th with 84 children plus their caregivers attending.
13. Library staff, **Judy Andrews, Madie Smart, Carol Baker**, and Friends member, Irene Duncan staffed the table for Kilgore Library at the Haunt the Holthus Event.
14. Youth Services Librarian, **Judy Andrews** attended the annual Summer Reading Workshop held in Lincoln on October 29th.
15. Technical Services coordinator, **Rachel Mayfield** continues an advanced cataloging class for cataloging media. Rachel is working to be certified as a cataloger through the Nebraska Library Commission.

Report prepared by:

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

Debora Robertson
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