

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for the October 17, 2019
York City Council meeting

1. The Elmer Baker display case is filled with a display from Bob Burnham's Big Red collection. The Kent Bedient Gallery has a display of Kent's paper cutting artwork. The art is for sale and one-half of the sales will be donated by Kent to the Friends of the Library.
2. StoryWalk 2019 books are selected and being prepared to be delivered on the trail each month through the year. The current book is *My Friend Maggie* by Hannah Harrison.
3. The grassroots advocacy group, *People for a Better York*, have been selected to receive the Public Library and Trustees Advocacy Award for 2019. This award is given to individuals or groups who publically support the work of libraries and librarians in their community. The nomination for this award was sent in from the Friends of the Library and the Citizen's Advisory Board members. The award will be presented to the group on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 pm here at the library. Join us in this celebration if you can!
4. Kilgore Library has also been notified that the application submitted in September for reaccreditation has been approved. Our library is now accredited until December 31, 2022. This accreditation is a required component of many grants for libraries in the state and it also allows us to provide services at discounted rates through state-wide consortia. A copy of the required Community Response Plan for our library is available for review in the library director's office.
5. Fall activities have started at the library. We have the Next Chapter and the Second Chapter book clubs meeting weekly to read stories out loud. We have the newly formatted Learning Time at the Library for Walkers, Wigglers, and Crawlers on Friday mornings and we have started a Family Trivia Night at the library on Tuesday evenings.
6. There were over 200 children and caregivers at the NET on the Road literacy event with Clifford the Big Red Dog. NET staff, Friends of the Library volunteers, and Library Staff provided crafts, Clifford book readings, Clifford movies, and of course hugs and photos with Clifford himself. A follow-up note from the NET staff shared that they plan to partner with our library again!

7. Carol Baker, Rachel Mayfield, James Tidei and board member, Mike Teeter attended the Nebraska Library Association's annual conference held in LaVista in October. This was a great educational opportunity for everyone. The networking with peers and getting to know new library staff across the state is another value of attending this conference.

8. On Tuesday, October 8, the Friends of the library hosted author Debra Kleeve White to share her experiences in writing the book Spirit of Nebraska. A former UNL cheerleader she wanted to give back to the University for all it offered her. A book filled with research on the cheer squads, early football teams and female pioneers at the university is the result.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Debora Robertson
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