




**Minutes of Meeting For  
Friends of North Plains Public Library  
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR  
July 13, 2015**

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**Officers Present:** Carolyn Leavitt, President; Margaret Reh, Vice President; Norma Tucker, Treasurer; Marrina Abeln, Secretary

**Members at Large Present:** Mark Susbauer, Sheila Nelson, Lynda Jones, Chris Lantz

**Others Present:** Debbie Brodie, Debbie Olson

**Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:00 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

***Chris Lantz made a motion; Norma Tucker seconded the motion to approve the June 2015 minutes with corrections posted on the web site. The minutes of the meeting, were unanimously approved.***

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Debbie Brodie**

Debbie reported the hours of operation with the Library have changed from 11am to 10 am. Debbie also reported that their first open Sunday for the summer's hours was busier than Saturday. Debbie reported that bookmarks were handed out at both of the churches, which may have made a significant impact. Two new employees have been added to the library staff, Hannah Sherwood and Itzel Sayago who also works as a clerk for the Cornelius Public Library. Debbie announced that Larrissa would be leaving in October, at that time another part time staff member will be hired. Debbie also reported that Sign-ups for summer reading are excellent; the children's signups are off the chart.

To see the full report, select the blue link to view the [Library Director's Report](#)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer: Norma Tucker**

**FNPPL Balance Sheet**

As of July 13, 2015

**Assets:**

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Checking	\$3,308.11
Money Market	<u>\$20,428.16</u>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b><u>\$23,736.27</u></b>

**Income:**

Summer Reading Prizes	\$100.00
Online Book Sales	\$200.58
Donations	\$50.00
Used Book Sales	\$56.50

**Expenses:**

Community Outreach	\$200.00
State Corp Fees	\$50.00
Online Sales	\$14.71
Volunteer Rewards	\$70.08
Office Supplies	\$4.39
Youth (summer reading)	\$1216.81
EFG Book Sale	\$29.10

Chris requested to plan a meeting in the future for some strategic planning how and when we want to spend down our assets. Specifically Chris talked about funds for a permanent online book sale site. Getting a grant, is an option but also being able to provide some matching funds to support the online sales, would be a contribution in support for the online sales. Carolyn suggested that in fall having a potluck meeting to have a strategic planning session as part of one of our regular meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS****Evening with an Author plans – July 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

Carolyn passed around a signup sheet for people to help with the upcoming Author event, set up time will be at 6pm. Lynda feels that the library will be a good location for the Evening with an Author. She reported in checking with other venues such as St Edwards were not available for this event. The expectations for attendance should be about 50 people which Linda feels the library can accommodate. There is a theme for each refreshment time; the next scheduled event revolves around horses so the theme will be red/white checked tablecloths and other items reflecting the Author's book. There will also be a raffle, book sale along with a book signing.

**EGF Book Sale – Aug 7-9**

Debbie Olson reported that the committee has met, she has a sign-up sheet that she sent around for people to sign up to help with the transportation and set up of the books for the sale. The biggest day for unpacking boxes will be Wednesday. Since there is a youth event, a time was reserved for them between noon and 2pm at which time setup will resume. Thursday the unpacking will finish up and there will be a pre-sale from 4-8 pm for members only. Debbie hopes to have all the sorting and set up done before the pre-sale time.

**Online Book Sales Report**

Debbie Olson reported that we had month free trial for the professional bookseller. It was determined that too many requirements and conditions did not make it worth the monthly fee. Chris Lantz reported that one good thing happened when using the professional bookseller status were the funds that were held were released to us from Amazon. Debbie passed around a chart that she made to show our book sales. Debbie reported that if we give the books that we do not sale in the Garlic Festival book sale to Better World Books we must to have an accurate box count. Debbie

Brodie is checking around with our local libraries to give them first pick. Chris has requested more help with posting books. There are set times on Tuesday and Thursday, contact Chris Lantz or Debbie Olson if interested.

### **EGF Parade Ideas**

Since Chris Lantz is going to be in the parade as recipient of the “volunteer of the year” award, she would like to highlight the Friends group. Chris is working to secure a car to ride in. She created bookmarks to pass out and asked if anyone from the Friends wanted to walk in the parade. If there are enough people, there is a banner that could be used as well. Marrina will check with family members and see about being involved in the parade. Chris has a stuffed elephant that she would like to raffle. Carolyn recommended selling tickets at the book sale, with the Elephant displayed at the library announcing the raffle and also displayed at the book sale.

### **Park Board Meeting Report – Norma**

Norma attended the Park Board meeting, Chris Lantz gave Norma a lot of good information regarding the square footage of the space in the yellow house, which is double the space of where we are currently located in the annex. This would allow more books to be added to the online books that are already listed. Overall, it was very well received by the Parks board, this was only an initial time to report our findings, no commitment was made but the committee was very impressed by the report given.

### **NEW Business**

#### **Membership and Dues**

Membership dues are now due and we have one new member that signed up and paid online. Norma will collect the funds and Carolyn will pass out the free book coupons. Carolyn will send out renewal letters soon.

#### **Request to purchase Library Hours Magnets – Chris**

Chris still has the design; the cost is approximately \$123. This is something that will reflect with the new hours of operation.

***Chris made a motion to purchase new library magnets,  
Carolyn seconded that motion.  
All in attendance unanimously approved this.***

#### **RACC Grant for 2016 OBOC Program**

Carolyn put together a preliminary application of intent and it was accepted. This will be for the OBOC program, We are now eligible to apply for a grant for \$2000 for the OBOC program next February. The books will come from Lake Oswego called ‘All the Light we cannot see’. Carolyn wants to ask Diane to chair the committee, currently

there are 3 other people also interested in being on this committee. Anyone else interested contact Carolyn Leavitt.

### **Lifetime Arts Program – Carol**

In this 8-week workshop, participants will explore the process of making a visual book through mediums of drawing with pencil and pen, watercolor painting, and writing notes to accompany the images. Participants will be encouraged to celebrate their local community, nature and home like a curious traveler while learning drawing and painting skills. This class challenges participants to take note of the beauty around them and teaches how to put it into visual expression. We will be making an accordion book as a base for the journal. Drawing in pencil and pen, and watercolor painting techniques will be taught in order to visually represent nature, meaningful objects and places of home. Processes will include painting from life and photo reference. Culmination will be a celebration and exhibition of participants' books and experiences to share with friends and local community. Carol would like the friends to co-host and provide the funds for the culminating event on Friday October 30 from 6-7:30 pm. This would be a showing of the artwork and similar to an Artist Reception.

***Carolyn made a motion to co-host the event Friday, October 30, Margaret seconded that motion. All in attendance unanimously approved this.***

### **Cancelling August 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Carolyn recommended cancelling this meeting since the book sale will be just wrapping up, there may be some books still needing to be packed up that day, and Carolyn thought a break would be nice. Carolyn asked for a vote and everyone was in favor of cancelling the August meeting. The next meeting will be in September.

### **PFL Report - Debbie**

Debbie went to the meeting in place of Carolyn. Mark Leavitt has completed the editing of the donor request letter, and this is ready to go out. Carolyn will get this letter mailed out in request for funds. The next step is to prepare a statement for the voter pamphlet. Friends of the Banks Library, Cornelius Library, along with FNPPL will be jointly funding this.

### **Other Business**

Debbie reported that we have a math and science tutor who is a volunteer; he is at the library every other Sunday and is willing to work with students on math science from grade school all the way through college level. Anyone interested or knowing of someone who might be should contact Debbie at the Library. This is a free offer to anyone interested. Debbie will be adding this to her report.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, 9/14/2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library**

## Director's Report for Friends' Meeting – July 13, 2015

### Statistics for the Month of June, 2015:

The Library checked out **5,241** physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media, while **287** e-books were checked out by North Plains card holders.

There were **3,271** people who came into the Library during open hours.

The Library's public computers were used for **447** hours, and there were **136** hours of wireless use.

The Library has **237** Facebook "friends," and the website was viewed **1,608** times.

Since July 1, **1,089** people have attended Storytimes, **309** people have attended the First Friday Flicks, **993** people have attended a Super Saturday/Wacky Wednesday/Summer Reading event, and **397** people came to LEGO Palooza days.

Since July 1, **484** people have attended one or more Art Receptions, Book Club meetings, Author Lectures, Writers' Group meetings, classes, and Library Volunteer Recognition events.

Full statistics may be viewed at [www.nplibrary.org](http://www.nplibrary.org) under Library Board/Library Statistics.

**New Open Hours.** Thanks to funding from the Washington County Cooperative Library Services and approval of the 2015-2016 budget by the North Plains City Council, the North Plains Library is now open 50 hours each week - one hour earlier each weekday and Saturday and eight summer Sunday afternoons! Visit early and visit often!

Monday-Wednesday	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday-Friday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
Sunday	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**A Summer Evening with an Author.** Be inspired to enhance your summer reading experience by attending a program and visiting with author Molly Gloss on **Saturday, July 25** at 7 p.m. at the Library. This best-selling author of *The Hearts of Horses* and *Jump-Off Creek* has just published a new novel, ***Falling From Horses***, in which a young ranch hand escapes a family tragedy and travels to Hollywood to become a stunt rider. Along the way, he meets a young woman who also harbors dreams of making it in Hollywood - as a writer. This evening presentation is the third event in a series focusing on local and regional authors, showcasing their works and cultural contributions. All programs are presented free of charge thanks to the Friends of the North Plains Public Library and a generous grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Elephant Garlic Festival.** Come to Jessie Mays Community Park (30975 NW Hillcrest Street, North Plains) during the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual North Plains' Garlic Festival on **August 7, 8, and 9**, to enjoy music, food, crafts, and a fabulous used book sale! All proceeds from this sale benefit the North Plains Public Library. The Book Sale hours of operation are:

Friday	August 7	12 to 6 p.m.
Saturday	August 8	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday	August 9	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be hundreds of gently used books at low prices from which to choose, including the following genres: Popular Fiction, Nonfiction, Children's, Young Adult, Self-Help, Textbooks, Reference, Crafts, Gardening, Coffee Table Art, Cookbooks, Decorating, Psychology, Romance, Technology, Engineering, History, and Political Science. There are also audiobooks, DVDs, VHS tapes, and multi-volume sets.

**YMCA "Sports of All Sorts" Youth Camp at Jessie Mays.** Are your kids looking for something to do this summer? Check out the YMCA camp that will be happening at Jessie Mays from **August 17-21** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7-12. Registration forms are available online at <http://ymcacw.org/westside-summer>, at City Hall, or at the Library. Financial assistance is also available.

**Summer Reading 2015.** It's not too late to sign up for the *Every Hero Has a Story* Summer Reading Program at the North Plains Public Library. New this year, Library Staff, Library Board members, Friends of the Library, and Library Volunteers have issued a challenge to the adults of greater North Plains to reach a goal of collectively reading one million pages by the end of summer – Library Folk versus our Reading Public. There will be weekly contests with prize drawings. The program will run through August 31.

### **Summer Reading Program Wacky Wednesdays.**

- **July 15**      **Angel Ocasio - Komedy 4 Da Kidz (provided by WCCLS)**  
A high energy, very funny, one-man variety show packed with physical comedy, jokes, juggling, and comedy magic! Perfect for the whole family. Free popcorn!
- **July 22**      **Harmony High with the STAGES Performing Arts Youth Academy**  
Join us for this fun musical theater experience - Harmony High. You just can't get enough of this crazy school! New students of Harmony High, Michael, Michele, and Junior, are about to discover that music and singing is where it is at. Even the students in detention are singing the blues.
- **July 29**      **Alex Zerbe – Zaniac (provided by WCCLS)**  
With the energy of 1,000 suns, The Zaniac bounces from one end of the stage to the other like an untamed rubber band. Two-time

Guinness World Record holder! All ages are welcome. Free popcorn!

- **August 5 Amazing Food Detective**  
Someone has been calling the Amazing Food Detective to report health crimes, but who is responsible? Join the Amazing Food Detective on his newest caper — inside the body. Participants will go on a magical journey full of animated rhymes, catchy songs, and surprising puppets. All ages are welcome to attend this free event which begins at 1 p.m.. Popcorn provided!
- **August 12 LEGO Palooza**  
Come get a taste of our newest school-year program - Lego Palooza! This special summer edition runs from 1-2 p.m. We'll provide the LEGOs, and you provide your imagination to build fantastic creations. Ages 3 and up are welcome to attend this free event. Popcorn provided!
- **August 19 Reptile Man and End of Summer Reading Program Party**  
Come celebrate the end of summer and the end of the Summer Reading Program with the Reptile Man. Meet snakes, turtles, lizards, and more! You don't want to miss this party! All ages are welcome to attend this free event which begins at 1 p.m. Popcorn provided!

**Summer Reading Teen Programs.** On **Thursday, July 16** at 3 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, there will be a **Story Trivia Contest**. How well do you know Harry Potter, The Hunger Games, or The Lightning Thief? If you're a fan of YA books, don't miss Story Trivia! Test your knowledge for fabulous prizes like books, book-themed prize packs, gift certificates, and more! After the game, Portland authors Chris Struyk-Bonn and Tina Connolly will be on hand to read from their books and answer a few audience questions. If you're a reader, you're a winner! This teen event is open to those entering 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

On **Thursday, August 6** at 3 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center (31450 NW Commercial Street, North Plains), teens can participated in **Brad Clark's Comic Workshop**. Discover the process of creating comics. There will be games and activities for everyone, including writing, drawing and "inking" contests. Attendees will receive a free comic book! Cosplay attire is encouraged. Participants must be entering grades 6-12, and this free program is limited to the first 20 teens to arrive.

**Storytimes.** Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library.

- **July 15** Special Guest Storytime: Law Enforcement Officer Sam Freshner
- **July 22** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Elephants
- **July 29** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Monsters
- **August 5** Storytime with Miss Marion: Family Fun
- **August 12** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Bathtime
- **August 19** Special Guest Storytime: MetroWest Ambulance

**National Night Out.** This annual community-building event has been celebrated across North America on the first Tuesday of August since 1983. It promotes police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our communities safer. This year's event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 4** at Jessie Mays Community Park. The North Plains Police and Public Library Departments will feature various activities, and the Washington County Sheriff's Department and the Cooperative Library Services will have educational information available about upcoming November levy elections.

**Writers' Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, August 6** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

**First Friday Flick** –The Friday, August 7 movie has been cancelled because of the Elephant Garlic Festival. Movie showings will resume on Friday, September 4.

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, August 10** at the Library from 7 to 8 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Art Exhibit.** The art exhibit in **July** and **August** will be a showing of seasonal quilts made by local resident Diane Link. Diane started quilting over 32 years ago. She took a beginning class and has taught herself the rest. She usually makes her quilts as gifts for newborns and friends, or for her home, and it is these gems that Diane has on display at the Library. She machine-pieces and usually hand-quilts. Of note are the flag quilt, which was made when her son commissioned with the USMC, the blue and yellow pineapple star quilt from the book, Pineapple Stars by Sharon Rexroad, and the Lone Iris quilt, which is a pattern from the Lake Oswego quilting store, Pine Needle.

**Quilt Display.** The quilt above the checkout desk throughout the month of **July** is entitled "Bow Tie." The beautiful quilt top was made in the 1930s or 1940s by Sarah Catherine Cauffman in Arkansas. The top was for sale at the 2011 Vernonia Quilt Show, and local resident Jo Ann Tannock fell in love with it. However, she passed on buying it as she remembered all the quilt tops she herself had made which were waiting to be quilted. Then, several months later at a birthday party for Jo Ann, she opened a box and found inside the quilt top from the show – a gift to her from a friend. She was astonished and so pleased. Last winter she couldn't resist the temptation to move it to the top of her to-be-quilted list, so on display is the finished quilt, hand-pieced by Sarah 75 to 80 years ago and hand-quilted by Jo Ann in 2014. It measures 78" x 80."

The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **August** is a revised version of "Japanese Fans" designed by Judy Niemeyer, a member of the Westside Quilters Guild. It measures 96" square and was pieced by Margaret McConnell of Sherwood. It was quilted by multi-award-winner Rhonda K. Beyer. All the fabrics are Japanese styled, many with a gold-print overlay. Silk batting and gold-colored thread were used, and each "fan" features a different quilting pattern.



**Library Book Club.** The Book Club will meet again in September.

**New Employees.** Two Library Clerks were recently hired. Hannah Sherwood, who began work on May 18, was previously a North Plains Library Volunteer, and Itzel Sayago, who will begin work on July 23, also currently works as a clerk for the Cornelius Public Library.