




**Minutes of Meeting For
Friends of North Plains Public Library
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR
January 11, 2016**

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

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

Others Present: Carol Aldrich, Debbie Olson, Marianne Vandervelden, John Driscoll

Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chris Lantz made a motion; Lynda Jones seconded the motion to approve the November 2015 minutes. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Carol Aldrich

Carol reported that the library volunteers generously gave 4,730 of service to the library and shared out if these hours were multiplied by the latest estimate value of volunteer time, which was determined to be \$23.07 per hour the total monetary value would be worth \$108, 506.28. Carol went on to highlight the art exhibit from our own local artist John Driscoll a North Plains resident, photographer and naturalist, who is exhibiting some of his favorite photos at the Library. Local resident Suzanne Dailey has provided the quilt this is on display above the checkout desk that will be displayed throughout the month of January. Lego Paloza will be held on Friday January 29, a no school day, at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. The Spitz family has generously donated their time to work with the set up and clean up for this event. The North Plains Public Library will host a free art workshop for adults led by Hillsboro craft artist Marie Buckley. Artist Trading Cards (also known as ATCs) are miniature works of art about the size of a baseball card. This is a fun way to create, connect and swap art with other artists. Carol also highlighted the Art of the Story through WCCLS who will host its 12th Annual Storytelling Festival from April 2-9. The weeklong extravaganza features twelve unique storytelling performances throughout Washington County. The North Plains Public Library will host national storyteller Kevin Kling on Friday, April 8 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club.

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 December 31, 2015

Assets:

Checking	\$6855.02
Money Market	\$20,430.04
Total Assets:	<u>\$27,285.06</u>

November Income:

Online Sales	\$268.78
Donations	\$100.00
Used Books	\$39.50
Amazon Smile	\$30.00

November Expenses:

Movie Night	\$7.99
Artist Reception	\$23.57
Postage	\$48.75

December Income:

Donations	\$2615.00
Used Book Sales	\$22.49
Online Book Sales	\$156.20
Library Materials	\$50.00

December Expenses:

Volunteer Rewards	\$66.44
Transfer to Money Market	\$2000.00

OLD BUSINESS –

End of Year Donation Request Letter Report – Carolyn

Carolyn, Chris and Mark Leavitt worked on editing a letter that was sent out for end of year donations. Approximately 3865.00 were raised and will be used some specifically for the renovation to the yellow house for the online book sales.

Online Book Sales Report – Debbie O.

Debbie reported a 7% increase in revenue; this is due in part to the pricing of the books being marginally higher. She also shared a year of revenue that was displayed in the form of a chart. The revenue is shown for 2014/2015 year with Book Sale Revenue of \$2709.56 (see chart to the right)

Friends of North Plains Public Library
 Compare Year to Year Online Book Sales

	2014		2015			Compare Y2Y 2014 to 2015	
	Revenue	# items sold	Revenue	# items sold		Revenue %	#items %
January	\$ 272.64	31	\$ 314.47	49	through Jan	15%	58%
February	\$ 294.43	43	\$ 304.49	27	through Feb	9%	3%
March	\$ 239.71	28	\$ 222.88	34	through Mar	4%	8%
April **	\$ 59.00	28	\$ 221.72	22	through Apr	23%	2%
May	\$ 336.64	44	\$ 248.09	23	through May	9%	-11%
June	\$ 223.72	22	\$ 103.70	27	through Jun	-1%	-7%
July	\$ 133.43	29	\$ 177.41	35	through Jul	2%	-4%
August	\$ 204.72	42	\$ 319.48	44	through Aug	8%	-2%
September	\$ 297.91	29	\$ 153.86	38	through Sep	0%	1%
October	\$ 119.22	24	\$ 233.87	30	through Oct	5%	3%
November	\$ 156.31	31	\$ 253.39	33	through Nov	9%	3%
December	\$ 189.73	38	\$ 156.20	40	through Dec	7%	3%
	\$ 2,527.46	389	\$ 2,709.56	402			

7% Increase in Online Book Sales Revenue 2014 to 2015
 3% Increase in Number of Items Sold 2014 to 2015



** In April 2014 Amazon began holding reserve funds for two weeks.

2014 Annual Revenue: \$2527.46 /389 Items, Average price per item: \$6.50
 2015 Annual Revenue: \$2709.56 /402 Items, Average price per item: \$6.74

Yellow House Work Party Plans and Schedule – Debbie O. & Chris

Debbie printed out and shared a handout with the group regarding the time line of the cleanup and painting events that will go on in the new 2 months; they hope to have all the cleanup and painting done by mid-march. Phase 2 will included the lighting and moving books and installing shelving that is stored in a warehouse. Several Friends members expressed desire to help with the cleanup and painting. Debbie hopes to see different committees formed to take on the necessary tasks and it will take the pressure off just a few people for all the items that will need to be done. Anyone interested in be a part of the renovation of the Yellow house for the online book sale is encouraged to contact Debbie Olson or Chris Lantz to be a part of the renovation.

NEW Business and Announcements

Artist Reception for January –

There will be no art reception for the month of January due to time constraints. The Friends will continue to provide refreshments for these events if they get scheduled in the future.

Other Business –

Carolyn was able to complete and submit the final report on the Author Event for the grant that was received, funding this event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: the next meeting will be Monday, 2/8/2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library

Director's Report for Friends' Meeting – January 11, 2016

Statistics for the month of December, 2015:

The library checked out **4,926** physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media. Of the first-time checkouts, **54%** were checked out from the SelfCheck machine. A total of **293** e-books were checked out by North Plains card holders.

There were **2,689** people who came into the library during open hours.

The library's public computers were used for **377** hours. An additional **179** hours were logged on the library's wifi system.

There were exactly **100** children and adults who attended storytimes, and **23** who attended the movie *Elf*.

Hours spent in donated time to the library by Friends, Volunteers, and Library Board members totaled **278**.

Facebook followers now total **262**. There were **1,389** total Website visits.

Full statistics may be viewed at www.nplibrary.org under Library Board/Library Statistics.

Upcoming Library Activities from January 11 through February 8, 2016:

Art Exhibit. In **January** and **February**, John Driscoll, North Plains resident, photographer and naturalist, is currently exhibiting some of his favorite photos at the Library. His works feature local images as well as those captured while traveling to western British Columbia and Alaska. He has been photographing for several years, especially focusing on nature. John is also a volunteer naturalist for Metro and Tualatin Riverkeepers, leading field trips for school-aged children.

Quilt Display. The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **January** has been provided by local resident Suzanne Dailey. The pattern is titled "Almost Amish." This E-Z 9-patch was pieced and hand-quilted in 2001-2002. It measures 76.5 inches by 57.5 inches.

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

- **January 13** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Rotten Days
- **January 20** Special Guest Storytime: Children's Author Curtis Cooper
- **January 27** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Rabbits
- **February 3** Storytime with Miss Marion: Hearts and Flowers

Holiday Closure. The library will be closed on **Monday, January 18** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Library Board. There will be a general meeting of the Library Board on **Wednesday, January 20** at the library beginning at 7 p.m.

Library Book Club. Our Book Club will hold its annual potluck party on **Thursday, January 28** beginning at 6 p.m., and the books chosen to read in the new year will be announced during this time. The potluck food can be anything of your choosing. We always have a great selection of yummy dishes to feast on and wonderful books to look forward to reading. New members are welcome to join us! This is a perfect time to become involved with our group and participate in the selection process.

Lego Palooza. Drop in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on **Friday, January 29**, a No-School Day, for Lego Palooza at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Hang out and build with Legos or Duplos that we provide. (Please leave yours at home and ours there.) Kids, teens, and adults are welcome to participate.

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, February 4** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the library. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

First Friday Flick. Join us at Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, February 5** at 6 p.m. to watch the computer-animated family comedy film, *Minions*. This PG-rated film is the spinoff/prequel of Universal Pictures' *Despicable Me* movies and highlights the Minions involvement with super-villan Scarlet Overkill.

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

SAVE THE DATES:

Super Saturday – The Curt Show. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Saturday, February 13** from 1-3 p.m. for some seriously funny juggling. With a style all his own, Curtis Carlyle fuses world-class juggling skills and fresh, innovative comedy. He has been touring the country and astounding audiences for more than ten years, receiving enthusiastic praise for his unique take on classic circus skills. An award winning juggler, Curt has received a bronze medal from the International Jugglers' Association along with countless accolades from regional juggling festivals and competitions. Curt will make our event one you will never forget. All ages are welcome to attend.

Art of the Story. Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) will host its **12th Annual Storytelling Festival from April 2-9**. The week-long extravaganza features twelve unique storytelling performances throughout Washington County. Admission is always free and all festival performances are designed for the enjoyment of adults. The North Plains Public Library will host national storyteller Kevin Kling

(<http://www.kevinkling.com/>) on **Friday, April 8** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club.