




**Minutes of Meeting For  
Friends of North Plains Public Library  
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR  
February 8, 2016**

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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:**

*Debbie Olson made a motion; Lynda Jones seconded the motion to approve the January 2016 minutes. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.*

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Debbie Brodie**

Debbie passed out a printed report of things to come, she reported that March/April scheduled art exhibit would not be held, so in its place John Driscoll has agreed to continue to display his artwork by changing out some of the displayed art and will continue his exhibit through March and April. John would also like to make a presentation on the Great Bear Rain Forest. The survey that was taken with the patrons was one of the top requested on the wish list for programs to have. Debbie invited all who are interested to come to the City Council meeting on **Monday, March 7** where the Library Strategic Plan facilitator Linda Lybecker along with Library Board member Stephanie Farris and Debbie will present the recently completed 5-year plan to the Councilors. Linda will also be hired by the City to orchestrate Debbie's replacement. She will work on what the packet will look like and get it sent out. Tyler Shellman has offered to do some outside work on the yellow house. Chris asked if Linda would meet with Tyler and point out some things that need to be done around the yard.

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 January 31, 2016

**Assets:**

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Checking             | \$4431.10                 |
| Money Market         | <u>\$20,430.39</u>        |
| <b>Total Assets:</b> | <b><u>\$24,861.49</u></b> |

**January Income:**

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Donations           | \$850.00 |
| Online Sales        | \$227.71 |
| Yellow House (FOBS) | \$550.00 |
| Membership          | \$100.00 |
| Used Books          | \$45.20  |

**January Expenses:**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Library Collection  | \$3600.00 |
| Super Saturday      | \$250.00  |
| Art of the Story    | \$200.00  |
| Yellow House (FOBS) | \$115.85  |
| Online Sales        | \$27.49   |
| Office Supplies     | \$3.49    |

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**FOBS House Work party Update – Debbie O. & Chris**

Debbie shared copies of the FOBS yellow house project time line. Kuddos to Carolyn for getting work parties organized. It was decided to not use Garbarino Trash service, as there will not be that much generated. What we do have can be taken away. Recology will accept all yard debris free of charge for all North Plains residence. Margaret will look into the disposal of the yard debris with the rolling cans located at the community garden. Debbie shared all of the things accomplished to date with all the painting and clean up. Debbie expressed concern and will be negotiating with the food bank, to share space in the Utility room. Debbie was very pleased that the Project time line is right on target. There are some costs with the Internet service that include a repeater and router that would allow the yellow house to tap into the Library internet. Debbie Brodie raised concern regarding this and will check with WCCLS to see how Hillsboro Online Book Sales get their internet, Margaret will check with Blake about internet with City Hall. Boxes of books will be stored in the back room of the yellow house. Debbie O. hopes to sort and process incoming books so when it is determined that they will not be used for on line sales or for the annual book sale, there will be a table available to sort and organize books into different categories to cut down the time taken to sort during the book sale. Debbie O. discussed the book drop and its location.

She had a blueprint of the different location options. Some would require the porch to be widened, other options were usable but not as convenient as the location left of the front door. Since the shipping area will be where the shipping happens, it will need to remain intact and putting in the window would cut out some of the room. More discussion about the orange cart and the best place to put it where it would be convenient and easy access for those working with the online sales. Debbie shared that 3-4 shelves belong to the library and she expressed that the online sales group could use those for their needs. More discussion ensued about library items that will continue to be stored at the Yellow house. Chris asked to generate a line item for the online book sale yellow house project. Some funds are earmarked specifically and will be used only for the yellow house project. There are also other funds that were received, not specify marked but that can be used for the renovations at the Yellow house. Rather than set a specific dollar amount, Carolyn would like to have the group generate a list of items needed for the project and fund those items as they arise. Norma reported that there is an account but this was not a line item because the yellow house was not a project at the time the budget was created. Chris will begin to get bids and a list of items with the cost. Chris reported that we are ready to move into phase two that included the electrical work and installing the book drop. Lynda pointed out that the gutters need to be cleaned out and there needs to be some installation of some type of gutter down spouts. Lynda also discussed where to put the yard debris, and expressed concern regarding some mud in the front area near the sidewalk. Chris asked about gravel being brought it, but Lynda thought she could use things lying around the yard and build it up with some stepping-stones found in the yard along with some rocks. Discussion continued regarding the yard and gutter maintenance.

## **NEW Business and Announcements**

### **H & R Block Fundraiser –**

H&R Block contacted the Friends and asked if they wanted to participate and earn money for the Friends group by sending out emails to promote H&R Block. Customers coming in would reference the Friends when asked how they found them, H&R Block will give the Friends \$20 for each referral. It was discussed; a decision was made to not participate at this time.

**10 yr. anniversary celebration –** will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **North Plains Chiropractic Appreciation Day Party – Carolyn**

The group contacted via a letter, stating that they are preparing goodie bags and wanted to know if the Friends of the North Plains Library wanted to participate. A suggestion was made to give patrons a punch card for one free book. Carolyn put it to a vote and all agreed to participate in their appreciation day event with providing this punch card for the goodie bags.

**Other Business –**

10 yr. anniversary is coming up and Carolyn is hoping that we would be able to couple up the 10-year anniversary that will be celebrated on April 29 with the opening of the Yellow House.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: the next meeting will be Monday, 3/14/2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library**

## Director's Report for Friends' Meeting – February 8, 2016

### Statistics for the month of January 2015:

The library checked out **4,808** physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media. Of the first-time checkouts, **47%** were checked out from the Self Check machine. A total of **336** e-books were checked out by North Plains cardholders.

There were **2,804** people who came into the library during open hours.

The library's public computers were used for **322** hours. An additional **224** hours were logged on the library's Wi-Fi system.

There were exactly **80** children and adults who attended Storytimes, and **28** who attended the movie *Minions*.

Hours spent in donated time to the library by Friends, Volunteers, and Library Board members totaled **403**.

Facebook followers now total **270**. There were **1,561** total Website visits.

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

### Upcoming Library Activities from February 8 through March 14, 2016:

**Blind Date with a Book.** Can't decide what to read next? Looking for something new? Let us surprise you. We are playing matchmaker for our library patrons, introducing you to our favorite titles! With Valentine's Day fast approaching, this is the perfect way for you to fall in love with our books. Throughout the month of **February**, you will find specially wrapped books next to our new book display covered in plain brown paper. No authors listed, no titles, just hints about the genre and age group (teen or adult). Choose one, take it home, unwrap, and read! Then, fill out the review card found inside the book and bring it back to the Library where it will be entered in a drawing to win a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card. Return the book, and go on another blind date!

**Art Exhibit. February through April,** John Driscoll, North Plains resident, photographer and naturalist, will exhibit 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 **February** was created by Westside Quilters Guild member Nancy Stober and is titled *Strip My Heart*. The quilt is 40" X 50" and is from the book, "Strips and Strings," written by Evelyn Sloppy and published by That Patchwork Place in 2003. Stober says, "I probably made this quilt about ten years ago. I love hearts, Valentine's Day, and red, so this was the perfect pattern for my February wall hanging. I love Evelyn Sloppy's

patterns and have made several of them from three of the books she published. I have a lot of strips and strings so this book has gotten a lot of use."

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

- **February 10** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Hats
- **February 17** Special Guest Storytime: Firefighters from WCFD #2
- **February 24** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Pirates
- **March 2** Storytime with Miss Marion: When the Wind Blows
- **March 9** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: TBD

**Artist Trading Card Workshop.** 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. The workshop will take place on **Thursday, February 11** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Library. It would be helpful, but not necessary, for participants to bring scissors, special paper, buttons, ribbons and other materials you may want to use. Registration is required, and the workshop is limited to 15 people. Call the library at 503 647-5051 to sign up.

**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.

**Holiday Closure.** The library will be closed on **Monday, February 15** in honor of Presidents' Day.

**Lego Palooza.** Drop in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the holiday, **Monday, February 15**, 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.

**Library Board.** There will be a general meeting of the Library Board on **Wednesday, February 17** at the library beginning at 7 p.m.

**Library Book Club.** On **Wednesday, February 24** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library, the book *The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America* by George Packer will be discussed. From the publisher: "In this book, the author tells the story of the United States over the past three decades through the lives of several Americans, interweaving intimate stories with biographical sketches of the era's leading public figures, and through collages made from newspaper headlines, advertising slogans,

and song lyrics that capture the flow of events and their undercurrents. The book portrays a superpower in danger of coming apart at the seams, its elites no longer elite, its institutions no longer working, its ordinary people left to improvise their own schemes for success and salvation. New members are welcome to attend.” Refreshments will be served.

**Writers’ Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, March 3** 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, March 4** at 6 p.m. to watch the animation adventure comedy film, *The Good Dinosaur*. In this PG-rated film, dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side. Apatosaurus Arlo meets Neanderthal Spot, and the duo embark on an epic adventure.

**City Council Meeting.** On **Monday, March 7** beginning at 7 p.m. at the North Plains Senior Center, Library Strategic Plan facilitator Linda Lybecker, Library Board member Stephanie Farris, and Library Director Debbie Brodie will present the recently completed 5-year plan to Councilors. Activities will have a bearing on the library budget, with increased WCCLS funding, beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

**Colored Pencils Mini-Workshop.** Come join artist and teacher Valerie Sjodin in coloring with colored pencils on **Thursday, March 10** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library. Valerie will be demonstrating colored pencil techniques using pages from her new coloring book, *Colorful Blessings*, published by Taunton Press. A coloring page from the book will be provided for each participant. Please bring your colored pencils and come ready to color together. Coloring books will be available for optional purchase, \$9.95. Please call the North Plains Library at 503 647-5051 to reserve your place in the workshop.

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, March 14** at the library beginning at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Save the Dates:**

**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.

**Ten-Year Library Anniversary – Friday, April 29.**