




**Minutes of Meeting For  
Friends of North Plains Public Library  
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR  
May 9, 2016**

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

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

**Others Present:** Carol Aldrich, Debbie Olson, Marianne Vandervelden

**Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:05 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

***Norma Tucker made a motion; Margaret Reh seconded the motion to approve the April 2016 minutes. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.***

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Mark Susbauer**

Library board meeting was held on April 20, it was joint meeting between NP Library Board members and the Banks Library Board Members, the main topic of discussion was how North Plains Library conducted their strategic planning. The next meeting will be May 18 and the focus will be to review the applications for the board position that will be a vacancy when Laura Templin's term expires. The other item on the agenda was the discussion regarding the new library director; Linda Lybecker has been working on the Library Director opening announcement, which will be advertised in late June to solicit candidates for this position.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Carol Aldrich**

Carol reported on the additional staff members at the library. Cindy Hibray has been promoted to the position of Library Assistant and will become the lead circulation person, which will allow for continuity among the staff. Debbie also hired Brianna Sowinski who will be a library clerk to replace both Hannah Sherwood, who as accepted a full time position outside the library, and Itzel Sayago, who has accepted a full time position with the Cornelius Public Library. Heidi Fuiten will be on leave this summer. Carol expressed gratitude over the new sandwich board sign; which is much easier to work with, and she highlighted some of the upcoming activities. Carol also announced that she will be taking on a

new role as Library Assistant - Youth Services and will focus on community outreach and work as a liaison between the library and teachers. This will entail about 1/3 to 1/2 of her 40 hours per week. She will continue in her role as Library Assistant - Volunteers for the rest of her work duties.

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 April 30, 2016

**Assets:**

Checking	\$2,719.21
Money Market	<u>\$18,431.35</u>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b><u>\$21,150.56</u></b>

**April Income:**

Online Sales	\$25.13
Donations	\$280.00
Used Books	\$34.50
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$162.99

**April Expenses:**

Postal (PO BOX)	\$60.00
Online Sales	\$50.45
FOBS House	\$1,267.08
Movie Night	\$5.29
Reader Board	\$199.99
Volunteer Rewards	\$58.16
Guest Lecture Food	\$37.87
10 <sup>th</sup> Library Birthday	\$118.95

The income for the online sales was down due to the shut down for two weeks while the books were relocated to the yellow house but are now back on line.

**Book Cart – Mark**

Mark reported that he took three boxes of hardback books over to the yellow house that were taken from the cart and will be included in the next annual book sale. Mark requested paperback books to rotate into the red cart. Mark reported that from the month of July 2015, last year to present date the book cart has generated a total income of \$514. Books will continue to be rotated out every few weeks.

### **Movie Night – Marrina**

Supplies are doing well, the count continues to decrease but it does depend on the movie that is shown. Less “families” seem to be coming and older kids are being dropped off or riding their bikes to Jessie Mays but often do not stay through the whole show, coming and going throughout the movie. As the summer starts to heat up the attendance continues to drop. It was suggested to take a break for the summer months of July and August. Carol will bring this up in the next staff meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS and Reports:**

#### **FOBS House Update – Debbie O. & Lynda**

Debbie reported on all the completed tasks and has requested help in finding the book drop chute and the display case. Margaret will check and ask regarding the location of those items. The yard work continues with the city mowing the lawn in the front yard only. Terri Palmer from the Aloha Library came and took the remaining double-sided shelves, which will be used at the new Aloha Library. Discussion continued on regarding other items that were not needed at the yellow house but had been brought over from the Annex. Debbie listed the items that still need to be done, along with training some new volunteers to help post books online. It was suggested to generate an article in the city newsletter requesting books, announcing the new drop off location, also have the library post announcements of the new book drop location for the online sales. Lynda asked that the city would continue to do the maintenance necessary to the gutters and down spouts and recommended to the city that PGE does tree trimming near the wiring on the street side and see if the city would contact them. A concern was raised concerning the driveway and the Carolyn asked for suggestions regarding how to get some supplies of rock or possibly some paving done to smooth out the driveway area.

#### **Nominations of Friends Board Members and Officers for 2016/2017**

Slates of nominated officers are as follows....

- Carolyn Leavitt – President
- Margaret Reh – Vice President
- Norma Tucker – Treasurer
- Marrina Abeln – Secretary

Members that agreed to return as members at large are as follows....

- Sheila Nelson
- Chris Lantz
- Mark Susbauer

New members that agreed to become members at large are...

- Marianne Vandervelden

## **Review of Friends Fiscal Budget for 2016/2017**

Norma presented the Fiscal Budget for 2016/2017. Carolyn reported that the budget committee met and reviewed all of the income versus expense and was able to balance the budget without having to spend down assets for the upcoming fiscal year. This will now go to vote at the June general meeting.

## **NEW Business and Announcements:**

### **Funding Request for 2017 Art of Storytelling —**

Debbie Brodie is requesting funds from the Friends, last year \$200 was donated from the friends and Recology donated \$300 through the friends as a nonprofit donation that goes directly to the Art of the Storytelling.

***Margaret Reh made a motion; Marrina Abeln seconded to donate \$200 to the Art of the Storytelling. All were in favor and it was unanimously approved.***

### **Need for a membership Committee and Chairperson —**

Carolyn has requested help with the membership letters, and would like to see a membership committee formed with a chairperson that would begin in July. Marianne volunteered to be a part of this committee. A letter will also go out to request other members to be a part of the committee; it is not required to be a board member for this position. Next month, there will be a general membership meeting and will vote in the officers, the budget, as well as open the floor to other nominations and vote on the final slate of officers.

### **Other Business —**

Carolyn discussed other ways of generating the income to include promoting the Fred Meyer rewards program, the Amazon smile and the annual book sale at the Garlic Festival.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.**

**Next Meeting: Monday 6/13/2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Library**

## Director's Report for Friends' Meeting, May 9 – June 13, 2016

### Statistics for the month of April, 2016:

The library checked out **4,956** physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media. Of the first-time checkouts, **48%** were checked out from the SelfCheck machine. A total of **288** e-books were checked out by North Plains card holders.

There were **3,560** people who came into the library during open hours.

The library's public computers were used for **291** hours. An additional **126** hours were logged on the library's wifi system.

There were **37** children and adults who attended Book Babies Storytimes, **80** children and adults who attended Storytimes for preschoolers, and **25** who attended the movie *Hotel Transylvania 2*.

There were **8** people in attendance to discuss the Book Club selection, *Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire: a Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival* by Peter Stark.

Hours spent in donated time to the library by Friends, Volunteers, and Library Board members totaled **498**.

Facebook followers now total **281**. There were **1,771** total Website visits.

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

### Announcements:

MANY thanks to the Friends of the Library for the new outdoor reader board! Staff and volunteers who freshen the daily display appreciate not breaking fingernails and not having to use tape to keep the letters attached!

North Plains Library staff wish to thank the Friends for their financial support of this year's Art of the Story Festival featuring Kevin Kling from Minneapolis, MN. There were 68 people in attendance at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club for his heartwarming performance on April 8.

Library Clerk Itzel Sayago accepted a full time position with the Cornelius Public Library, and her last day with us was Saturday, May 7.

Library Clerk Heidi Fuiten will be on leave this summer, effective after her Thursday, May 12 work shift.

Library Clerk Hannah Sherwood has found a full time position outside the library field, and her last day with us will be Friday, May 13.

A new Library Clerk, Brianna Sowinski, will begin on Saturday, May 14.

Library Clerk Cindy Hibray has been promoted to the position of Library Assistant – Circulation, effective May 16.

Printing at the library just got easier! Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) is now offering a new cloud-based printing service that makes printing on-the-go convenient. Library visitors can print documents, email messages, or web content to a library printer from a laptop in the library, a computer from home, or a mobile device from almost anywhere. Patrons have three options for printing: web form, email, or mobile app. There are no print drivers or additional software to install. Once they successfully submit a document, it waits in a private queue at the North Plains Public Library for twenty-four hours. At the library, patrons can release print jobs by entering their email addresses and paying for the pages they print. "Print from Anywhere" is currently available at many WCCLS libraries, and is expected to be at most locations within the next few months. For more information, visit: [www.wccls.org/printfromanywhere](http://www.wccls.org/printfromanywhere).

### **Upcoming Library Activities from May 9 – June 13, 2016:**

**Craft Guild Meeting.** The dedicated group of knitters, crocheters, and quilters that formerly met monthly in the evenings has now moved its get-togethers to the second Tuesday MORNING of each month from 8 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie (and coffee) as you work on your individual projects is welcome to do so at the library. Bring your yarn or cloth and needles (or other craft projects) and expect to make new friends and share ideas. The next get-together will be on **Tuesday, May 10**. (Note: this is intended to be an informal get-together of crafters; individual or class instruction will not be available.)

**Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest.** Tomatoes are one of the most popular garden vegetables in the country, and everyone knows that the best tasting tomatoes are home-grown. Please join us at the library on **Thursday, May 12** from 6:30-8 p.m. for tips from Master Gardener Bob Falconer on how to successfully grow tomatoes in our cooler climate and with our short "warm season."

**Super Saturday – The Portland Ballet.** Members of The Portland Ballet Youth Company will come to North Plains to perform in the fifth annual preview of excerpts from the upcoming Spring Concert. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. on **Saturday, May 14** at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. The excerpts will include both traditional and modern pieces. All ages are welcome.

**Fifth Annual Haiku Contest.** Celebrate Poetry with us by entering your haiku poems through **May 18**. This year's theme is Alice in Wonderland/Alice Through the Looking Glass - recognizing the new movie, *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, to be released on May 27. Contest winners from each of three age groups (K-6, 7-12, Adult) will each receive \$20 gift certificates to Regal Cinemas, good for seeing any movie.

**Library Board.** There will be a meeting of the Library Board on **Wednesday, May 18** at the library beginning at 7 p.m. There will be an opening on the board to fill a four-year term from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020. This position requires that the appointee reside within the city limits of North Plains. Applications may be found online at

[http://cityofnp.org/files/2714/5815/3567/Library\\_Board\\_Application\\_2014.pdf](http://cityofnp.org/files/2714/5815/3567/Library_Board_Application_2014.pdf)

and must be submitted to City Hall by May 16, 2016. City Council will make the appointment at its June 20 meeting.

**Library Book Club.** On **Wednesday, May 25** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library, the book *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd will be discussed. From the publisher: "Hetty "Handful" Grimke, is a slave in early nineteenth century Charleston. She yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, is also hemmed in – by the limits imposed on women of that time. Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love." New members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**Quilt Display.** The quilt on display in **May** is called "Dingbats" and was pieced and machine quilted by West Side Quilters Guild member Sue Hauser. Sue started this 65" x 90" quilt in a workshop for members of the Guild in 2015. The pattern was designed by Sam Hunter of Hunter's Design Studio. Sue had a small piece of ornate striped fabric in her fabric stash for several years, saving it for something "special." When she was planning this quilt, looking for a nice striped fabric, she knew she had found that special project. She used a very small amount of black fabric and a whole bolt of ecru fabric to pair with the stripe. The workshop instructor taught the quilters in the class that the large amount of background fabric (the ecru) and the small amount of a fabric that "pops" (the black) should be the supporting actors to make striped spokes stand out as the star. Sue's quilt hung in the Westside Quilters' Guild bi-annual quilt show in 2015. She says that of the many quilts she's made, this is one of her favorites.

The quilt to be displayed in **June** will be a favorite for fishermen. The trout-fishing pattern contains five trout appliques and embroidered trout fly designs. North Plains' resident Renee Wallace made the quilt as a gift for her husband, who loves to fly-fish. This is a 57" x 76" creation produced by Lunch Box Quilts, LLC.

**Art Exhibit.** The art exhibit in **May and June** will feature photographs by Alicia Kroell. Alicia is interested in travel and the tourists that come with the territory. She recently spent a year teaching English in Prague and traveling throughout Europe. Visiting many "must-see" sites, she was intrigued by the collective experience of tourists. The guides we follow, the souvenirs we buy, and even the photos we take all have a certain likeness; but, for the traveler, it's remarkably unique. Alicia is originally from North Plains, and she studied Studio Art and Photography at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. She continues to live and work in Portland as a freelance photographer.

**Book Babies Storytimes.** Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist Lauren every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the children's section of the library.

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

- **May 11** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Silly Animals
- **May 18** Special Guest Storytime:  
K9 Officer Mox Herrman and his Police Dog Mav
- **May 25** Storytime with Miss Carol: Farms
- **June 1** Storytime about Transportation
- **June 8** Storytime with Teacher Barbara

**First Friday Flick.** Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Friday, June 3** at 6 p.m. for a free showing of *Norm of the North*, a PG-rated, animated adventure comedy. Norm and his lemming friends leave their beloved home in the Arctic and head to New York City where they attempt to protect their homeland from being developed by a mega-corporation. Popcorn will be served.

**Author and Holocaust Survivor Alter Wiener Shares His Life Story.** Join us on **Thursday, June 9** at 7 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street in North Plains for a free lecture by one of the very few Holocaust survivors still living in the Portland area. Alter Wiener has shared his life story in the states of Oregon and Washington with 850 audiences in universities, colleges, schools, churches, synagogues, temples, prisons, companies and book clubs. He has been interviewed by radio, TV stations, and newspapers. Mr. Wiener received an Honorary Bachelor of Arts Degree from Warner Pacific College, an Honorary Law Degree from Lewis & Clark Law School, and the prestigious Americanism Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Wiener's autobiography, *From a Name to a Number*, was published in 2007. For more information, go to: <http://www.alterwiener.com>.

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, June 13** at the library beginning at 7 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Writers' Group.** This group is currently taking a hiatus. In the fall, it will be determined if members will resume having regular meetings at the library.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Thursday, June 23,** 7 p.m. Guitar Music Concert featuring Gayle Ritt at North Plains Public Library.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM LINEUP OF ACTIVITIES**

**Summer Reading 2016!** It's that time again! All ages may sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the North Plains Public Library starting **Wednesday, June 1**. This year's general theme is WELLNESS, FITNESS, AND SPORTS, in keeping with the Summer Olympics. The preschool and children's slogan is ON YOUR MARK, GET



SET, READ, the teen slogan is GET IN THE GAME: READ, and the adult slogan is EXERCISE YOUR MIND - READ.

## CHILDREN

**Super Saturdays to Wacky Wednesdays.** During the summer months, the library's monthly Super Saturday events are replaced by weekly Wacky Wednesday events. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall each Wednesday afternoon for eight weeks throughout the summer at 1 p.m. for an hour of free entertainment and fun. The library sponsors programs for children as part of its Summer Reading activities. Three children's programs and one teen program are provided by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS). All ages are welcome. This year's lineup includes:

- **July 6** Mad Science  
Summer, Sports and Science! Let Mad Science show you how athletes use physics to keep their balance and manipulate gravity. Help our Mad Scientist light the Mad Science Olympic Torch and learn how physics and nutrition can help you throw farther, jump higher, and run faster. Join in some fun activities that will show you how science and sports are cool together. Come see what it takes to win the race!
- **July 13** Teatro Calamari (WCCLS)  
Tim and his puppet pal, Plumkin, retell the story of the Three Pigs with suggestions given by the audience. Don't miss this hilarious and interactive puppet show!
- **July 20** Lucky Diaz (WCCLS)  
Rock out with the very first Americans to win a Latin Grammy! With smash-hits like "Thingamajig," this bilingual duo is ready to show you why they've been named PEOPLE magazine's "#1 in COOLEST kids music."
- **July 27** STAGES  
The STAGES Performing Arts Youth Academy will present *ARF, A Real Friend*. Since 2010, STAGES has offered a variety of theater classes to children in grades K-12. Come see these talented kids perform!
- **August 3** LEGO Palooza  
Come get a taste of our newest school year program, Lego Palooza! This special summer addition runs from 1-2 p.m. We'll provide the LEGOs. You provide your imagination to build fantastic creations. Best for ages 3 and up.
- **August 10** Presto the Magician  
This show is perfect for the entire family. Presto brings the amazement of magic, the fun of his unique comedy style, and excitement for reading! His high-energy style and audience interaction make him a favorite with children.
- **August 17** Reptile Man (WCCLS Summer Reading Finale Program)  
**Special Start time: 12:30**

Come celebrate the closing of the Summer Reading program with the Reptile Man. Meet snakes, turtles, lizards and more! You don't want to miss this party!

## **ADULTS**

Visit the library table at the North Plains Ice Cream Social on Commercial Street at the Farmers' Market on **Thursday, June 2**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. where information will be distributed about this year's program along with a special goody bag. Library staff, volunteers, Board and Friends members are issuing a challenge to the adults of greater North Plains to reach a goal of collectively reading 500,000 pages by the end of summer. There will be weekly contests with prize drawings. Let the friendly competition begin!

## **PRESCHOOLERS AND FAMILIES**

Join us at at Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Wednesday, June 29** at 11:30 a.m. for the Little Tykes Summer Reading Kickoff. Stretch, Dance, Play! Smooth or sharp, strong or light, express yourself with all your might! Jumping, spinning, leaping, soaring - so many ways to move! Join Growing Arts movement educator Iris Nason for an engaging creative dance experience. Children learn sign language, body awareness and creative self-expression while connecting with new friends and families as they sing, sign, stretch, dance and play! Designed for children 0 to 6 years old, this event is in lieu of Storytime this day at the Library.

## **TEENS**

On **Thursday, July 14** at 3 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, feel the power of the Taiko rhythm! Learn aspects of **Japanese Taiko** drum-playing such as stance, traditional rhythms, and playing with partners. Create your own rhythms and be prepared to be LOUD! This teen event is open to those entering grades 6-12.

On **Thursday, July 28** at 3 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, join Darren Davis of Bluewater Productions for a **Graphic Novel Workshop** in which he will be demonstrating and teaching how to draw comics. This teen event is open to those entering grades 6-12.