



**Minutes of Meeting For
Friends of North Plains Public Library
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR
March 13, 2017**

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

Members at Large Present: Sheila Nelson,

Others Present: Will Worthey

Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Norma Tucker made a motion; Sheila Nelson seconded the motion to approve the February minutes. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Will Worthey

Will reviewed and highlighted a few items such as a new paragraph in his board report called “nuts and bolts,” which outlines things that go on behind the scenes. He hopes this will help define the tasks that require staff time. Currently the staff is working on summer reading design, performers, locations and ideas for a carnival this summer. Will, Jackie, and other staff will work in designing faceted themes that will make the picture books thematic rather than alphabetical. This allows parents and their little ones to find books by subject, which will increase circulation by 20%.

Will reported that funds from Washington County, which are extra funds based on the taxes received from the county, will be used to replace gutters. Will has gotten quotes that are well within the amount received. Carolyn will set up a meeting with Will and Wayne Holmes to meet and discuss gutter replacement.

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

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: (given by Carolyn in Mark’s absence)

- ✦ Checkouts were up 14% Jan 2017 vs Jan 2016. Maybe due to influx of new residents?
- ✦ International movie night is a go for Thurs March 16 @ Abbey Creek Winery. This is for Adults only, as wine can be purchased.
- ✦ The Board approved the application of David Hatcher to fill the “in town” position vacated by Mark Perkins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Norma Tucker

FNPPL Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2017

Assets:

Checking	\$7,513.69
Money Market	<u>\$18,434.00</u>

Total Assets: \$25,947.69

Income:

Intel Matching Funds	\$1,456.50
Online Sales	\$864.82
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$238.92
Amazon Smile	\$45.52
Used Books	\$18.00
Membership	\$15.00

Expenses:

Art of the Story	\$200.00
People 4 Libraries	\$200.00
Volunteer Rewards	\$57.83
Move Night	\$20.33
Office Supplies (toner)	\$29.11
Online Sales	\$36.13
Furniture/Fixture (clock)	\$15.99

Book Cart – (given by Carolyn in Mark’s absence)

Mark refreshed the cart just before leaving on vacation, however, there had not been a lot of activity the previous several weeks.

Movie Night – Marrina

Movie night is going very well and becoming increasingly popular with young and old alike. Several new families continue to come and the attendance is growing, Popcorn trays were requested. Will has gone out into the new housing developments and it is resulting in higher attendance. There will be no showing in April due to the Art of the Story event that fall on the first Friday of April.

Online Book Sales Update – Carolyn Leavitt

With the continuing sales of the online books going so well, the finance committee, consisting of Norma Tucker, Janet Ford, Mark Susbauer, Dick Vandehey, and Carolyn Leavitt, met last year to prepare the budget. In the preparation of the budget, Norma Tucker recommended to the finance committee to make an additional \$500 donation above and beyond what was already given for the year based on the profits made with the online book sales. This was discussed at a previous meeting where no decision was made. After more discussion it was voted by the members at this meeting to make a motion to donate an additional \$500 to be added toward Library materials with the current amount.

Carolyn made a motion; Marrina Abeln seconded the motion for the Friends to give the \$500, a one-time donation for the fiscal year. This motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS and Reports:

Weather Station Report Update –

Carol Wolf will not be making a presentation to the City Council meeting at this time in regards to the City purchasing a weather station. This may be revisited at a future date.

Nike Grant update – Will Worthey

No updates at this time, Will has not heard back from Nike regarding this grant. Will does have a ledger line item in place for computer replacement over the next two year in the Library budget. The Nike grant if received would provide the funds needed toward this venture.

Washington County Friends Meeting – April 5, 10:30am

Carolyn took a headcount of who was going to attend. Choice of food was discussed and it was decided to purchase a vegetable tray that will be provided for the meeting.

Clock purchase report – Carolyn

A clock was purchased for \$15.99 and installed on the wall above the Adult DVD selection.

Planning of Used Book Drive for May 6th –

Chris will be creating posters and flyers for this event. Carolyn requested that we also place announcements in the City Newsletter, library web page, along with other social media avenues. Carolyn hopes to get a group together who can be available to be present at the yellow house throughout the day to collect books from people who would like to drop them off. This will also be coupled up with a cleanup day at the yellow house.

NEW Business and Announcements:

Funding for Art of Story Festival – Brianna

Funds have already been donated but Brianna would like to request that the Friends provide refreshments for the event being held at the elementary school. It was discussed and the Friends agreed to provide punch, cookies and napkins for this event.

Other Business –

Carolyn received some mail that she brought to the meeting

- ✦ Elephant Garlic Festival Donation – \$150 for sponsorship for T-shirt logo

Sheila made a motion; Carolyn 2nd the motion to give the \$150 to the Garlic Festival for the T-shirt logo. This motion was unanimously approved.

- ✦ A letter was received from the Jefferson Library requesting funds for a new library. Since this is not geographically located in our county, the Friends will not make a donation at this time.
- ✦ Next month's topics will include a nominating committee. Carolyn will be stepping down as President next year and encouraged all to be thinking about members who would like to fill the various roles.

Next Meeting: Monday 4/10/2017, 7pm at the North Plains Public Library

CITY OF NORTH PLAINS – LIBRARY DEPARTMENT REPORT, MARCH 12 2017

TO: THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

FROM: WILL WORTHEY, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 2017: A SUMMARY OF THE LAST MONTH

The library checked out 5335 physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media. A total of 397 e-books were checked out by North Plains card holders.

There were 2844 people who came into the library during open hours.

The library's public computers were used for 336 hours. An additional 314 hours were logged on the library's wifi system.

There were 33 children and adults who attended Book Babies Storytimes, 86 children and adults who attended Storytimes for preschoolers, and 25 who attended the movie Trolls.

There were 8 people in attendance to discuss the book group selection of the month.

Hours spent in donated time to the library by Friends, Volunteers, and Library Board members totaled 358.

Facebook followers now total 318. There were 449 total Website visits.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NUTS AND BOLTS

In this section of my report I will focus on what's going on behind the scenes to make the library operate more efficiently. Currently we are working on designing the summer reading program, and have just begin the process of brainstorming to create a new shelving system for our picture books.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ART MATTERS

The following fine objects of art will be on display in the library during March and April.

Quilt of the month

The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of March and April was created by Barbara Summey, our library volunteer who conducts Storytimes on the second

Wednesday of each month. In this quilt, Barbara honors children's author Theodore Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss.

Artist's trading card

Each month Marie Buckley and other local artists meet to share Artist Trading Cards (ATCs). These miniature works of art are designed to match a set theme and are about the size of a baseball card. The event occurs at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday evening of each month. This is a fun way to meet other artists and exchange art creations. The ATC exchange is free and open to the public.

Our ATC topic for March is Beauty. The swap will occur on March 16.

Our ATC topic for April is Magic. The swap will occur on April 20.

In library art display

In March and April we will be pleased to host the images and three dimensional pieces created by renowned local artists ***Denny Nkemontoh*** and ***Jacqueline (Jackie) Hanes***. Currently the entire library has been transformed into an art gallery! The pieces on display are incredibly varied and use a variety of substrates (underlying materials ranging from glass to wood to paper) and tesserae (small pieces generally used in mosaics – found, purchased, and created) that mixes, in many cases, mosaic with collage. Here is what Jackie said about her work: "I am fascinated by the use of pre-existing materials to create meaningful expressions that emerge from within. Sometimes (as in the pre-selected themes) one builds on a particular subject to create a piece, as opposed to letting the piece evolve into a story or meaningful expression."

Craft Guild Meeting.

Join our informal group of knitters, and quilters from 6pm until 8pm on the first Wednesday evening of each month. Anyone interested in gathering for camaraderie as you work on your individual projects is welcome to do so at the library. This is intended to be an informal get-together of crafters not a formal class.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: YOUTH SERVICES

The following items summarize our upcoming program offerings for younger library patrons.

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 10:30am in the children's section of the library.

Storytimes.

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

March 15. Bunnies! With Becky and Mr. Will.

March 22. Storytime with Mr. Will - Bears come out to play.

March 29. Storytime with Mr. Will - Bubble bath time!

April 5. Storytime with Miss Marion.

April 12. Storytime with Barbara, NOISE!

Tutoring assistance

Math and Science tutoring help is available during the school year. Volunteer Aaron or Stacie will be available for half-hour segments each Saturday morning, from 10am until 10:30am and from 10:30am until 11am. Half-hour segments will additionally be available from 6pm until 6:30pm and from 6:30pm until 7pm on Tuesday evenings. The tutors will provide help with math from an elementary school level through calculus. In science help will be provided from an elementary school level through college level. Call the library at (503) 647-5051 to book a free tutoring session.

First Friday Flick.

Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on the First Friday of each month for a free showing of a PG-rated movie. There will be no showing in April due to the Art of the Story event that falls on the same day.

May 5 at 6:30 p.m. Moana.

From Walt Disney Animation Studios comes Moana, a sweeping, CG-animated adventure about a spirited teenager who sails out on a daring mission to prove herself a master way finder and fulfill her ancestors' unfinished quest. During her journey, Moana meets the once-mighty demi-god Maui, and together, they traverse the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous fiery creatures and impossible odds.

Super Saturday.

Come join the library at Jessie Mays Community Center for fun performers and activities for all ages! Events are always a blast and always free.

Saturday April 8 Fun with Brad Clark!

An All-Star lineup of fan favorite Stories & Songs for children and the young at heart! It's storytelling (with props, costumes, instruments and volunteers) mixed with music (lots of activity and fun; like "games-that-you-sing"). Designed for the whole family and fun for all ages!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ADULT SERVICES

Here is a rundown on the adult focused news and programs that occurred recently or are scheduled to occur next month. All are welcome at our programs.

International Movie Night

With the kind support of the Cultural Trust of Oregon, the Cultural Coalition of Washington County, and the Abbey Creek winery we are able to bring you fresh foreign film every month. All showings occur at the Abbey Creek winery tasting room on Commercial Street. Fine food and wine are available to purchase.

We will begin the international movie series on **Thursday March 16** with Scandinavian chiller ***Let the right one in***. Doors open at 6pm the feature begins at 7pm.

On **Thursday April 20** we will screen *The Ardennes* by **Robin Pront**. This feature artfully blends gritty kitchen-sink realism, noir and post-Coen Brothers humor to reveal a tense, and twisted drama of brotherly love and betrayal. Brothers Dave (Jeroen Perceval) and Kenny (Kevin Janssens) are lumpen Flemish hoodlums whose ineptitude causes Kevin to take the fall when a heist goes wrong. Four years later Kevin is out of prison, but, as he learns, things have changed. *The Ardennes* draws its stylish suspense from the specific details of its luckless lowlife characters. Doors open at 6pm the feature begins at 7pm.

Friday April 7 at North Plains Elementary Art of the Story performance.

Kevin Locke (Tokaheya Inajin in Lakota translation “First to Rise”) is a world famous storyteller and visionary Native American Hoop Dancer and preeminent player of the Indigenous Northern Plains flute. He is a NEA Heritage Award Fellow and Cultural World Ambassador from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in South Dakota.

Kevin is Lakota and Anishnabe. His instructions were received from his immediate family and community and from extended family in every part of the world. Kevin Locke will perform **Love Stories** at 6:30pm.

Friday April 28, 8pm until 10pm. See the Portland Music Video Festival Showcase at North Plains Public Library.

The Portland Music Video Festival is an exciting showcase of the work of musicians and filmmakers from Portland and around the world. Founded and directed by Portland State University professor Dustin Morrow, the festival focuses on widely varying approaches to interpreting music for the visual medium. Many of the videos showcased at the Festival come from local artists and filmmakers. Other videos come from as far away as Korea, Sweden, Denmark, and Japan. The Portland Music Video Festival is one of only a handful of festivals in the world dedicated exclusively to the art and craft of music video production.

Library Book Club.

New members are always welcome to join in the monthly discussions. The group meets regularly once a month, usually on the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the North Plains Public Library.

The next selection will be ***Elephant Company*** by ***Vicki Croke***. The discussion will occur on Wednesday March 29 from 7pm until 8pm.

Billy Williams came to colonial Burma in 1920, fresh from service in World War I, to a job as a “forest man” for a British teak company. Mesmerized by the intelligence, character, and even humor of the great animals who hauled logs through the remote jungles, he became a gifted “elephant wallah.” Increasingly skilled at treating their illnesses and injuries, he also championed more humane treatment for them, even establishing an elephant “school” and “hospital.”

But *Elephant Company* is also a tale of war and daring. When Imperial Japanese forces invaded Burma in 1942, Williams joined the elite Force 136, operating behind enemy lines. His war elephants would carry supplies, build bridges, and transport the sick and elderly over treacherous mountain terrain. Now well versed in the ways of the jungle, an older, wiser Williams even added to his stable by smuggling more elephants out of Japanese-held territory. As the occupying authorities put a price on his head, Williams and his elephants faced his most perilous test. In a Hollywood-worthy climax, *Elephant Company*, cornered by the enemy, attempted a desperate escape: a risky trek over the mountainous border to India, with a bedraggled group of refugees in tow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: UPCOMING MEETINGS

The following is a listing of the library related meetings scheduled for this month and next.

Friends of the Library.

Our supportive Friends group meets on the second Monday of each month in the Library at 7pm all are invited to attend.

There will be a general meeting of the Friends on March 13 2017.

There will be a general meeting of the Friends on April 10 2017.

Library Board.

Our board will meet generally on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm to discuss the library, its goals and objectives.

There will be a meeting of the Library Board on March 15 2017.

There will be a meeting of the Library Board on April 19 2017.

SAVE THE DATES: KEY DATES FOR LATER IN THE YEAR

May 19 at 7pm hungrytown folk music performance at Jessie Mays.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6w5X5rMAEA>