




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

Officers Present: Carolyn Leavitt, President; Norma Tucker, Treasurer;

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

Others Present: Carol Aldrich,

Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March Minutes to be approved at our May 11th meeting.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Carol Aldrich for Debbie Brodie

Carol reported that several programs will be held at the library, a class on genealogy, Fines Go for Food program, Sam Payne will be featured at the Pumpkin Ridge Art of the Story festival, Haiku contest for all ages, and Read to the Dogs program.

Carol also said the staff was putting together a packet for new NP residents and asked if the Friends could contribute some free used book coupons. The Friends have agreed to supply them along with some promotional materials.

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

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Mark Susbauer submitted report

Last month's North Plains Library Board meeting was held March 18th.

The new city councilor Scott Whitehead was in attendance.

Board continued review of Library Board policies. Reviewed the policies of Exhibits & Displays - was reviewed and approved.

Went over the 2015 Patron Survey.

Many people want the Library to open earlier in the day especially Saturdays.

Other items mentioned were having more seating, more room for materials, and more classes.

Discussed having a photo exhibit of the quilts that have been on display the past year. Stephanie Farris a Board member will take the photos.

Began the discussion for the Budget for 2015-2016.

Several Board members will try to attend the City Budget Committee meetings in the coming months to show support for the Library.

The next Library Board meeting is this coming Wednesday, April 15th @7:30PM.

The major topic of discussion will be the "Envision North Plains Future" plan and the consultant Kristen Greene will be giving a presentation.

It is hoped that members of the Friends group will come and participate in this

meeting to show interest in the Library because in earlier discussions, material presented by the consultant it was obvious the Library was not considered a very high priority. Hope to see you all there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Norma Tucker

FNPPL Balance Sheet

As of April 13, 2015

Assets:

Checking	\$3,398.86
Money Market	<u>\$20,427.13</u>

Total Assets: \$23,825.99

Income:

Used Book Sales	\$95.50
Donations	\$100.25
Online Book Sales	\$286.72

Expenses:

Community Outreach	\$400.00
Office Expenses	\$57.40
Evening with Author	\$11.04
Artist Reception	\$37.86
Super Saturday	\$350.00
Volunteer Rewards	\$86.56
Youth Programs	\$60.00
Equipment (Video Sign)	\$376.73

OLD BUSINESS

Schedule a work party to clean engraved tiles - Carolyn

Carolyn cleaned a few tiles and estimated that the entire cleaning would take 5 people about ½ hour. It was determined that, weather permitting, we would meeting at 6:45 pm on May 11th (prior to our next Friends meeting) to clean the tiles.

CCWC Celebration Report – Lynda

Lynda reported that she and Jennifer went and had a good time meeting other grant recipients and handed out all the Author Event bookmarks and received positive feedback for our program.

Used Book Sorting report - Chris

Chris, Debbie, Norma, and Carolyn have met twice last month to sort books. Wayne Holmes has donated a storage space locally and books are being boxed, labeled and off-loaded to the storage site for the Used Book Sale in August.

About 50% of the books have been sorted so far. Another work party is scheduled for tomorrow and more will be scheduled in the future.

Property Tax Exemption Report – Carolyn

The papers were filed by Carolyn at the County Tax Office and have been approved for tax exemption for the next 5 years.

Indoor Video Sign progress report – Carolyn

The new video sign has been installed by Mark and Carolyn. There was an additional cost of \$85.72 for warranty, electrical installation and cable. A motion was made by Norma and seconded by Chris to approve the extra expenditure for the video sign.

NP Envision Steering Committee report - Norma

Norma attended the Envision meeting and reported that the Library was not mentioned as a key part of the Envision Plan. Debbie B. invited the facilitator to come to the Library Board meeting and has encouraged Friends members to also attend to make sure we are represented in the City's Envision Report. The next meeting is scheduled for Sat. April 25th at 10 am at Jessie Mays Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

NEW Business

Evening with an Author event / signup to help – Saturday, April 25th, 7 pm

Plans are in place for the upcoming author event. A signup sheet was passed around for those present to signup to help. An email will be sent out to all members to encourage more helpers for the event.

Book Sale Opportunity at the Library Free Comic Book Day Table

Saturday, May 2nd is the City's Garage Sale Day. The Library will be giving away comic books and the Friends will set up a book sale table in front of the library at 11 am as well, assuming no rain is forecast. Suggested books to sell are children's books and DVD's and cookbooks. Norma will bring a cash box for the sale.

WCCLS Friends meeting – 2 pm, Thursday, April 23, Aloha Library

Norma and Sheila plan to attend and will share the history of our library at the upcoming meeting.

PFL levy signs

It was determined that we would prefer metal "H" stakes and signs in English only. About 60 signs should suffice for our community.

Adult Summer Reading - Sheila

Sheila told us about plans for this summer's Adult Reading Program and a contest to be held for number of pages read, etc. The Friends will sponsor the cost of the prizes for this year's Summer Reading Program for both Adult and Children's programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, 5/11/2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library

Director's Report for Friends' Meeting – April 13, 2015

Statistics for the Month of March, 2015:

The Library checked out **5,174** physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media, while **260** e-books were checked out by North Plains card holders.

There were **3,312** people who came into the Library during open hours.

The Library's public computers were used for **389** hours, while patrons accessing their own laptops and other devices logged **116** hours of wireless usage.

The Library has **215** Facebook "friends," and the website was viewed **1,709** times.

Since July 1, **825** people have attended Storytimes, **272** people have attended the First Friday Flicks, **568** people have attended a Wacky Wednesday (summer)/Super Saturday (school year), and **308** people came to LEGO Palooza days.

Since July 1, **280** 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 under Library Board/Library Statistics.

Fines Go for Food in North Plains. Feed the hungry by returning your overdue Library items and paying your fines! During National Library Week, **through Saturday, April 18**, the North Plains Public Library will participate in an effort to help the hungry in our community by donating that week's intake of library fines to the local food bank, the North Plains Pantry. We encourage our patrons to make a special effort to clear up their accounts during that particular week. All proceeds will stay locally, within our community. Help us to help others in North Plains!

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

- **April 15** Special Guest Storytime: Bunnies with Becky
- **April 22** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Monkeys
- **April 29** Storytime with Youth Librarian Jackie: Dogs
- **May 6** Storytime with Miss Marion: April Showers Bring May Flowers
- **May 13** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Noise
- **May 20** Special Guest Storytime: Chickens Galore!

Beginner Internet Genealogy. Learn how to use Heritage Quest and Ancestry databases. Explore websites such as Family Search and Find-a-Grave. Three FREE classes will be taught by Library staff member Donna from 6-8 p.m. on consecutive Thursday nights. Class size is limited to nine people using Library computers and four people using their own laptops. Participants must commit to all three classes. Call the Library to sign up (503-647-5051):

- **April 16** Basic Record-Keeping and Heritage Quest
- **April 23** Family Search and Find-a-Grave
- **April 30** Ancestry (not accessible from laptops) and Wrap-up

Classes will be hands-on. Come prepared with whatever information you have about people you want to find - names, dates and locations of birth, death, and marriage.

Art of the Story Festival. This 11th annual, week-long storytelling extravaganza features seventeen storytelling performances throughout Washington County. On **Friday, April 17**, national storyteller Sam Payne of Utah will perform at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club beginning at 7 p.m. His storytelling skills, jazz-inflected folk music, and soaring tenor voice have established him as an engaging performer. This free program, sponsored by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services and the North Plains Public Library, is designed for an adult audience. Refreshments will be served. Full details and all countywide performances are listed here: <http://www.wccls.org/festival>

An Evening with Author Lisa McMinn. The Friends of the North Plains Public Library will host the second event of its "An Evening with an Author" series on **Saturday, April 25**, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library. Oregon author Lisa Graham McMinn, Ph.D., is a Writer in Residence at George Fox University, where she previously taught Sociology. She writes mostly about sustainable agriculture, contentment, and environmental issues. Dr. McMinn has been invited to discuss her newest book, *Dirt and the Good Life*. This non-fiction work is both inspiring and challenging and addresses issues to which all of those concerned with living a good life in love and community should be committed. For more information visit the author's website: <http://preservinglifeatferncreek.com/>.

Fourth Annual Haiku Contest. Celebrate National Poetry Month with us this April. Enter your haiku poems **before April 27**. This year's theme is Super Heroes - recognizing the new movie, *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, to be released on May 1. Contest winners from each of three age groups (K-6, 7-12, Adult) will receive \$20 gift certificates to Regal Cinemas.

Library Book Club. The Book Club will meet at the Library on **Wednesday, April 29** beginning at **7:30 p.m.** to discuss ***A Map of Betrayal*** by Ha Jin. **This riveting tale of espionage and conflicted loyalties spans half a century and entails the entwined histories of two countries – China and the United States – and of two families. A diary of secrets reveals the life of a double**

agent and his dilemma of loyalty to the motherland and love for his adopted country. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

First Friday Flick – Join us on the first Friday of each month at the Jessie Mays Community Hall at 6 p.m. for a FREE movie showing. On **Friday, May 1**, come watch the PG Disney comedy, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. Alexander Cooper only has bad days, and his family only has good days, until one day that changes, and his family is plagued by their own very bad and hilarious day! All ages welcome. Popcorn is provided.

Free Comic Books! Celebrate and discover the amazing world of comic books! Stop by the Library on **Saturday, May 2**, anytime during North Plains' citywide Garage Sale Madness Day, to receive your own free comic book provided by Diamond Comic Book Distributors. Free Comic Book Day is an annual event sponsored across North America by participating comic book specialty shops.

Read to the Dogs. First Graders and up may practice their reading skills with Taylor, a registered Pet partners dog. This program takes place on the first Wednesday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. Reservations are required. Sign up for a 20-minute time slot on **Wednesday, May 6** by calling the Library at 503-647-5051.

Writers' Group. Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, May 7** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

Super Saturday. Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall on **Saturday, May 9** for a free Pizza and Paint Palooza Party! Paint your own superhero masterpiece that might get to be displayed in the library! Pizza provided. All ages are welcome.

Friends of the Library. There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, May 11** at the Library from 7:30-9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

Art Exhibit. The art exhibit **through April** features works by Anne Marie Grgich, a Portland-based collage artist with national and international acclaim. Grgich is known as one of the most innovative American artists in the group known as Outsiders. Her one-of-a-kind art features expressionistic faces and figures.

Coming in **May** will be an exhibit of local children's art created at the Super Saturday Pizza and Paint Palooza Party. Superheroes will be featured and is the theme of the 2015 Summer Reading Program.

Quilt Display. The quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **April** is titled *Tulip* Quilt and is owned by Jean Noltensmeier, a member

of the Westside Quilters Guild. It was purchased in Monroe, WA in 2009. Its provenance is unknown, but its maker used mid-1900s reproduction fabrics to create a multicolored sampler bordered in blue and white. It contains both pieced and appliqued squares and is machine quilted, measuring 60" x 88".

The quilt to be displayed in **May** will have a patriotic theme. Titled *For My Son*, it was created by local resident Diane Link in honor of her son who serves in the US Marine Corps.

Summer Reading 2015. It's that time of year again! Sign up for the *Every Hero Has a Story* Summer Reading Program at the North Plains Public Library **starting Monday, June 1**. All ages can participate, have fun reading, and win awesome prizes! More information to come next month.