




**Minutes of Meeting For  
Friends of North Plains Public Library  
North Plains Library  North Plains, OR  
June 8, 2015**

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

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

**Others Present:** Debbie Brodie, Debbie Olson

**Absent:** Margaret Reh, Vice President; Mark Susbauer, Member at Large

**Friends Meeting called to order by Carolyn Leavitt at 7:36 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Marrina Abeln made a motion; Norma Tucker seconded the motion to approve minutes for 3/9/15 and the minutes for the 4/13/15. The minutes of these meetings, were unanimously approved.*

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT: Debbie Brodie**

Debbie reported that due to conflict in scheduling the Teen event on Aug 6 will be held at the Senior Center.

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

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Debbie (in Mark's Absence)**

Library board will launch a strategic plan to plan the future. Mark Susbauer and Sheila Nelson will be representing the board at the upcoming meetings on July 15 and August 19. Analysis of where we are and a written report will be done in September. Debbie would like to see more space for events. The library will increase the hours for the summer, this is not official until the next city council meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
**Treasurer: Norma Tucker**

**FNPPL Balance Sheet**  
As of June 6, 2015

**Assets:**

Checking	\$4,426.12
Money Market	<u>\$20,427.82</u>

**Total Assets: \$24,865.94**

**Income:**

Amazon Smile	\$25.25
Online Book Sales	\$48.23
Donations	\$350.00
Used Book Sales	\$78.35
EBay Sales	\$34.90

**Expenses:**

EBay Shipping	\$2.92
Movie Night	\$21.57

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Work party to clean engraved tiles – June 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm (prior to our meeting)**

Chris Lantz, Carolyn Leavitt and Debbie Olson came and scrubbed the tiles, they look just like they did when they were new. Pizza was provided by Gerald's West for the work party.

**Garage Sale Day/Used Book Sale Report - Carolyn**

The profits from the Book Sale totaled \$83 dollars. There were some teen helpers that assisted Carolyn with the book sale.

**Evening with the Author Report - Lynda**

Lynda reported that the number of attendees was about half in number compared to the first Author Event. It seems to depend on who is speaking, and the subject matter drives the attendance. Molly Gloss is the next author that is slated to speak. The Library Book Club is currently reading the featured book that Molly will highlight at her event. Chris will be doing the media and flyers for this event. July 25, 2015 will be date for the next Author event.

**WCCLS May Friends meeting Report – Sheila & Norma**

The topic was to share the history of the different libraries; Sheila was able to share the history of our Library. This event was held at the new Aloha Library. The history of

the WCCLS and how it got started was shared. Not all Oregon libraries are in a COOP system. The next meeting will be held in September.

### **PFL Report - Debbie**

In attendance for this meeting were 15-20 people, representing each library in the cooperative. Fundraising is ramping up with the drive to solicit money from corporate sponsors as well as from individuals and Friends of the Library groups. An assignment was given to ask each library representative to revise "ask" letters used in previous levies and send them to local businesses within each community to seek contributions. There is a current need to fund campaign expenses for lawn signs, voters' pamphlet statements, pro-levy literature, and the like. The second assignment is to draft the voters pamphlet statement. Cornelius, Banks and our North Plains Public Library will split the cost to file the statement with the Elections Division three ways at \$133 each. Debbie asked for a volunteer to draft the statement which will be reviewed by a People for Libraries campaign consultant before submission. Carolyn volunteered her husband Mark to review and draft both the "ask" letter and the voter pamphlet statement.

It was discussed and determined that the Friends had previously approved a \$200 total donation. Of this, \$133 was to be slated for the voter pamphlet and \$67 for a general donation. Others requested that the \$200 be a general donation, with an additional \$133 donation be contributed toward the voter pamphlet cost.

***Lynda Jones made a motion; Carolyn Leavitt seconded the motion that the \$200 be a general donation, with an additional \$133 donation to be contributed toward the voter pamphlet cost.***

***All in attendance unanimously approved this.***

### **NEW Business**

#### **Nominations from floor and vote on Slate of Friends Board for 2015/2016**

A list was printed and passed around for the slate of board members and officers for 2015-2016. Each person was asked and accepted. No nominations were presented from the floor. The slate was:

**President:** Carolyn Leavitt

**Vice President:** Margaret Reh

**Secretary:** Marrina Abeln

**Treasurer:** Norma Tucker

**Members at Large:**

- Mark Susbauer
- Sheila Nelson
- Christine Lantz
- Lynda Jones

***A motion was made by Debbie Brodie and seconded by Debbie Olson to accept this list as written; all in attendance unanimously approved this.***

**Discuss and Vote on Friends Budget for 2015/2016**

This budget was reviewed and discussed at length, it was determined that we were spending assets and to be more balanced some changes were made that will create a more balanced budget. The amended 2015/2016 budget was approved unanimously.

**Garlic Festival Book Sale Committee formation & meeting**

**– (book sale Aug 7-9)**

This discussion included the week's events, and what would need to be done for each day. Debbie Olson is heading up this task and is taking the lead in getting the scheduling secure for the times and dates. Those interested were encouraged to help and to contact Debbie for the schedule. A sign-up sheet will be sent out to all members. Because there are other events going on that week before the Garlic Festival most of the transportation of the books will be scheduled during the day leaving the evenings for the events that are scheduled for the Jessie Mays.

**NP Garden Club donation Ideas -**

Several ideas were discussed and one of the main needs for the library is to have flowers for the Author presentations and other events that the library will host. This was preferred over cash donations and felt would be more useful. Carolyn will let them know of our needs.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, 7/13/2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Plains Public Library**

## Director's Report for Friends' Meeting – June 8, 2015

### Statistics for the Month of May, 2015:

The Library checked out **4,390** physical items – books, magazines, DVDs, and other media, while **227** e-books were checked out by North Plains card holders.

There were **2,584** people who came into the Library during open hours.

The Library's public computers were used for **248** hours.

The Library has **227** Facebook "friends," and the website was viewed **1,500** times.

Since July 1, **1,011** people have attended Storytimes, **294** people have attended the First Friday Flicks, **984** people have attended a Super Saturday/Wacky Wednesday/Summer Reading event, and **397** people came to LEGO Palooza days.

Since July 1, **466** 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](http://www.nplibrary.org) under Library Board/Library Statistics.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM LINEUP OF ACTIVITIES

**Summer Reading 2015!** It's that time again! Sign ups for the Summer Reading Program at the North Plains Public Library began on Monday, June 1. This year's general theme is HEROES, the children's slogan is EVERY HERO HAS A STORY, the teen slogan is UNMASK, and the adult slogan is ESCAPE THE ORDINARY.

#### **ADULTS:**

New this year, Library Staff, Library Board members, Friends of the Library members, and Library Volunteers are issuing a challenge to the adults of greater North Plains to reach a goal of collectively reading one million pages by the end of summer – Library Folk versus our Reading Public. There will be weekly contests with prize drawings. The program will run through August 31. Let the friendly competition begin!

#### **PRESCHOOLERS AND FAMILIES:**

On **Wednesday, June 24** at 11:30 a.m. there will be a free Summer Reading Program event for the littlest ones in our community and their families. The **Little Tykes Summer Reading Kickoff** will take place at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Come to sing fun and engaging songs with Greta Pedersen. Her "Get Ready to Read...with Music" program is designed to develop language and pre-reading skills in your child. An award-winning singer and educator, Greta will offer quick and easy tips with songs, movement, and sign language. For 0-5 year olds. (This event is in lieu of Storytime this day at the Library.)

## **TEENS:**

On **Thursday, June 25** at 3 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall there will be a free Summer Reading Program kickoff event for teens. Wendy Rover will demonstrate the **Art of Henna with Roving Horse Henna**. This two-hour workshop will feature a slide show and mixing and style demonstrations. Henna objects, artifacts, and books will be available to explore. Instruction in henna technique will be given, and henna application will be available for all participants either on fabric, paper, or skin. This program is for those entering grades 6-12 only and is limited to first 30 teens to arrive.

On **Thursday, July 16** at 3 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, there will be a **Teen Trivia Contest**. How well do you know *Harry Potter*, the *The Hunger Games*, or *The Lightning Thief*? If you're a fan of YA books, don't miss Story Trivia! Test your knowledge for fabulous prizes like books, book-themed prize packs, gift certificates, and more! After the game, Portland authors Robin Herrera, Chris Struyk-Bonn, and Mary Elizabeth Summer will be on hand to read from their books and answer a few audience questions. If you're a reader, you're a winner! This teen event is open to those entering grades 6-12.

On **Thursday, August 6** at 3 p.m. at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, teens are invited to attend **Brad Clark's Comic Workshop**. Discover the process of creating comics! There will be games and activities for everyone, including writing, drawing and "inking" contests. Attendees will receive a free comic book! Cosplay attire is encouraged. This event is open to those entering grades 6-12 and is limited to the first 20 teens to arrive.

## **SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:**

**Wacky Wednesday.** During the summer months, our popular Super Saturdays are replaced with Wacky Wednesdays! Join us at the Jessie Mays Community Hall each Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. throughout the summer for an hour of free entertainment and fun. The Library sponsors programs for children as part of its Summer Reading activities. Four performers are provided by the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS). This year's lineup includes:

- **June 24      Alphabeticians**

Enjoy fun music for kids and families! Come sing, dance, and learn the alphabet backwards!! Lyrical surprises and first rate musicianship! Smart, funny, catchy, and joyful! All ages welcome. Free popcorn!

- **July 1          Border Collie Herding Demonstration (provided by WCCLS)**

Watch rescued border collies play football, basketball, baseball, soccer, perform skits, and show off their world-class Frisbee skills! All ages welcome. Free popcorn!

- **July 8          Chuck Cheesman**

Get up and move with Chuck Cheesman! Original and traditional songs will be performed with guitar, banjo and ukulele! Don't miss the fun. All ages welcome. Free popcorn!

- **July 15 Angel Ocasio (provided by WCCLS)**

Come see a high energy, very funny, one-man variety show packed with physical comedy, jokes, juggling, and comedy magic! All ages welcome. Free popcorn!

- **July 22 Stages Theater Troupe Presents "Harmony High"**

Join us for a fun musical theater experience. You just can't get enough of this crazy school! New students of Harmony High -- Michael, Michele, and Junior -- are about to discover that music and singing is where it is at. Even the students in detention are singing the blues. All ages welcome. Free popcorn!

- **July 29 Alex Zerbe – Zaniac (provided by WCCLS)**

With the energy of 1,000 suns, The Zaniac bounces from one end of the stage to the other like an untamed rubber band. A two-time Guinness World Record holder, Alex Zerbe is a master of physical comedy, juggling and magic. All ages welcome. Free popcorn!

- **August 5 Amazing Food Detective**

The sleuth is on the case in the "Amazing Food Detective" – an interactive play that helps youngsters understand the importance of a healthy diet and exercise. Kaiser Permanente's troupe of professional actor-educators engage students as they discover together what foods give lasting energy and what it means to be physically active. All ages welcome. Free popcorn!

- **August 12 LEGO Palooza**

Come sample our newest school year program -- Lego Palooza! This special summer edition runs from 1-2 p.m. We'll provide the LEGOs; you provide your imagination to build fantastic creations. Ages 3 and up are welcome. Free popcorn!

- **August 19 Reptile Man**

Celebrate the end of summer and the end of the Summer Reading Program with the Reptile Man. Meet snakes, turtles, lizards, and more! You don't want to miss this party! All ages welcome. Free popcorn!

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

- **June 10** Storytime with Teacher Barbara: Clothing
- **June 17** Special Guest Storytime: Rosemary Lombard brings her Turtles!
- **June 24** In lieu of the usual Storytime at the Library, the Little Tykes Summer Reading Kickoff will take place at the Jessie Mays Community Hall. Come to sing fun and engaging songs with Greta Petersen. Her "Get Ready to

Read...with Music” program is designed to develop language and pre-reading skills in your child. An award-winning singer and educator, Greta will offer quick and easy tips with songs, movement, and sign language. For 0-5 year olds.

- **July 1** Storytime with Miss Marion: Water Fun
- **July 8** Storytime with Teacher Barbara

**Library Book Club.** The Book Club will meet at the Library on **Wednesday, June 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *Falling From Horses* by Molly Gloss.** In this new novel from the best-selling author of *The Hearts of Horses* and *Jump-Off Creek*, a young ranch hand escapes a family tragedy and travels to Hollywood to become a stunt rider. Along the way, he meets a young woman who also harbors dreams of making it in Hollywood - as a writer. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Note: The Library Book Club does not meet in July or August.

**Writers’ Group.** Share your writing projects and receive feedback from peers on **Thursday, July 2** at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join. (This is not a teacher/trainer-led class.)

**First Friday Flick.** This monthly event has been cancelled for July because of the Independence Day holiday and also for August because of the Elephant Garlic Festival.

**Friends of the Library.** There will be a general meeting of the Friends on **Monday, July 13** at the Library from 7:30 to 9 p.m. New members are welcome to attend.

**Art Exhibit.** The art exhibit in June will be a showing of local children’s art created at the Super Saturday Pizza and Paint Palooza Party. Superheroes will be featured as it is the theme of the 2015 Summer Reading Program.

The art exhibit in **July/August** will be a collection of quilts by local resident Diane Link.

**Quilt Display.** “Hats for Sofia” is the quilt on display above the checkout desk throughout the month of **June**. It was designed by Susan Branch and made by local resident Ruth Voelker for her first granddaughter. Ruth acquired the pattern years before and enjoyed both the quest to coordinate the fabrics and the opportunity to learn the technique for making a prairie point border. It was quilted by Stephanie Hinsvark and finished in 2014.

**Save the Date! Author Molly Gloss** will be visiting the North Plains Public Library on **Saturday, July 25** at 7 p.m. as part of the “An Evening with an Author” series sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. Call the Library to reserve your seat (503-647-5051).