

**MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING OF WOODBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

DATE October 8, 2008

ROLL CALL: Mary Chadwick – Present Willis Grafe - Present
Neal Hawes – Present Nancy Kirksey - Present
Phyllis McKean - Present JD Mitchoff - Present

STAFF PRESENT:
Anna Stavinoha, Library Manager
Vicki Musser, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: None.

CALL TO ORDER: President Nancy Kirksey called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: The minutes of July 9, 2008 were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MANAGER’S REPORT: The Big Read kickoff at the library was moved from the Plaza to the main part of the library, due to inclement weather. The mayor was there, and read the Big Read proclamation. There was a picture of her on the front page of the Woodburn Independent, as well as an article and picture of an owl from the Oregon Raptor Center, who starred in the children’s library program on Saturday. La Pantera was at the kick-off, broadcasting live, and the program was taped for viewing on WCAT. Roberto de Anda gave a talk on religious diversity in the Hispanic community.

Lazaro Ybarra is painting a large mural to celebrate the Big Read, using scenes from the book, *Bless Me, Ultima*. These will be hung permanently behind the reference desk.

There are many programs and events associated with the Big Read, and Anna passed out a sheet detailing these.

The open 12 hour reference position has been filled by Philip Rance. He graduated with his master’s degree from Florida State University. Philip is doing well here, and the library is happy to have him.

Statistics: The circulation is up marginally for July and August. The

number of reference questions in September was up as well.

Activities: Library programs were busy over the summer. There were 21 children's programs held in July, with an attendance of 1412. Five Music in the Part concert programs had a cumulative attendance of 1,980. As we go into the Big Read, the library is trying to involve as many members of the community as possible. Rudolfo Anaya wrote children's books as well, and the library is planning kid's programs and activities around those.

Tonight there is a poetry program at 7 pm, featuring Miguel Loreda Reyes.

Volunteer of the Month: This month Juan Ortega is our teen volunteer of the month. Juan was the most regular and faithful of the teens who volunteered for the Summer Reading program, and the library is glad to honor him as the October Volunteer of the Month.

Miguel Salinas, local historian, will present a history of Spanish speaking people in Woodburn on Sunday, October 12th.

Friends of the Library: Volunteers with the Friends helped to pack and ship off 120 boxes of books to *Once Read Tales*, where they'll be posted online. Eventually the Friends will receive checks for any books sold.

There is a Book Sale scheduled for November 14 and 15. There was a question of whether there would be enough inventory for a successful book sale, but it was ascertained that there are sufficient books.

The Friends have donated \$1500 towards the Big Read. In addition, the library has applied for a grant from Wal-Mart, and has been awarded a \$500 grant from PGE.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carpet Installation: New carpeting is scheduled to be installed throughout the first floor of the library over a two week period during the Christmas holidays. Since it would cost around \$26,000 to have the carpet company move all the furniture, bookcases and books, the library is putting together a schedule of City volunteers to help from Dec. 21-Jan 4th. This workforce would help move books, computers and other materials, so that the carpet could be installed. It is anticipated that about 20 people a day will be needed. Some employees from the library and Public Works will be helping out, as well as people from other sources, and a schedule will be drawn up of who works when.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Library Board student position is vacant at present. Feelers are being sent out to find someone who would be interested. There is a

student on the Parks and Recreation Board, as well as 22 members of the Youth Advisory Board, all of whom can spread the word of the vacancy.

The library will be participating in a grant with Oregon Reads, to receive complimentary copies of *Stubborn Twig* by Oregon author Lauren Kessler. Events surrounding this grant will take place sometime between January and March. The library is excited about sharing the book with the community.

Nancy Kirksey noted that the atrium, now decorated for autumn, is receiving compliments from pre-teens as well as older folk.

**BUSINESS TO/FROM THE
CITY COUNCIL AND/OR
MAYOR:**

Thanks were extended to the Mayor on behalf of the library, for reading the Big Read proclamation aloud at the Big Read kick-off last Friday.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Musser