

**Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**
Whitman County Library, Colfax
January 15, 2019

Present: Heather Lustig, Bob Bates, Sheri Miller, Steve Balzarini, Suzanne Schmick, and Shirley Cornelius.

Chair Suzanne Schmick called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

New Business:

January supporter of the month is Patty Mills, Oakesdale art teacher. Nichole Kopp presented the award to Patty who coordinates the Rural Alliance Art Show each year.

For 2019 the Center has a resident artist program for eight different artists in the larger room and rotating front room artist exhibits including Richard Scheurman in March and Jaqueline Daisley, April through August. Current artist through February is Jeanne Fulfs.

Sheri gave an update on the Crazy 8's program which is open for youths in grades 3 through 5. The library partners with WSU's Center for Civic Engagement students to bring math themed events to the library. This is an 8 week program that gives our students a chance to interact and bond with WSU students who often come with diverse backgrounds and experiences

Sarah Anderson has been re-hired as the branch manager for the Garfield Branch. She previously worked for the library from 2014 to 2017 and has been subbing since. Patti Cammack, cataloger in Colfax since 2004 retired with her last day today. Her duties have been shifted to other staff members.

Continuing Business:

Kristie has been contacting patrons to search for a board member to fill our current vacancy. News releases will go out when she returns. We are currently looking for a board member to come from the northern and western parts of the county.

Kristie is working with the company that made the Libey Sign to improve its appearance. The company has indicated that it will be fixed in the near future.

Monthly Business:

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of the board.

Financial reports including the January payroll and accounts payable vouchers of \$84,741.58 were presented. There was no additional discussion and Resolutions #2019-1 and #2019-2 were approved by a vote of the board.

Sheri reviewed December's circulation which showed a 7.5% drop in traditional circulation from the figures one year ago. Lacrosse and Rosalia branches showed strong gains. Electronic indicators are still strong including Google searches and web site searches. Sheri also presented the total statistics for 2018 which showed an overall 5% decrease in traditional circulation. Program attendance continued to be strong for kids and adult programming. Garfield is showing a much improved performance and electronic indicators are strong.

Upcoming events for all locations are best viewed at the website at www.whitco.lib.wa.us including Galetines Event at the Center on Friday, January 25 and numerous art classes among the branches.

Upcoming Board Meetings and trainings:

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Shirley Cornelius, Secretary

Suzanne Schmick, Board Chair