

NCKL Director's Meeting
March 2, 2007
Marysville Public Library

Jamie Kelley, Marysville, served as hostess and Carol Barta chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

Present:

Susan Carlson - Herington
Heather Dreith – Waterville

Anne Teghtmeyer – Council Grove

Judith Cremer – Pot/Wab

Kay Osthoff – Clay Center

Deb Duckwall – Abilene

Jamie Kelley – Marysville

Sue Blechl - Emporia

Kim Clark – Wamego

Alice Jones - Frankfort

Fred Atchinson – NCKL

Carol Barta – NCKL

LaDonna Clark – NCKL

Marcia Allen – NCKL

Richard Miller – NCKL

Ann Pearce – NCKL

Announcements

Carol handed out a list of commonly used acronyms, which may be useful for board members. Carol noted the Gates Grant will include monies for hardware. The funding will be available in 2008.

Minimum Wage Changes

Federal minimum wage changes will affect libraries. The changes affect all employees not just full-time. The total increase will be \$2.10 and be implemented in three stages. The first increase will take affect 60 days after the law is signed. The second increase would be six months later and the final increase would be another six months. Kansas libraries have compensation guidelines which is a certain percentage above minimum wage. It is helpful to research what the city is going to do and match the salaries, if possible. When the wages go up for minimum wage employees, wage increases for others should also be implemented. There may be pressure to cut library hours to keep within the budget. The impact of this issue should be thought out as 2008 budgets are discussed.

Patron Counter

How do libraries generate annual statistics? How exact do annual statistics need to be? Patron counter is too expensive. Some of the smaller libraries use slash marks to count patrons. One library has an electronic eye but does not use it. One library has laser counters on the doors. Another library counts the number of patrons who check out books and adds that to the count of patrons using computers. Another library takes statistics four times a year and averages. The importance of this issue is funding for the library. NCKL will look into purchasing a portable counter that would be available to all the libraries.

National Library Week Ideas

The last couple of years the Council Grove board has celebrated National Library Week by providing punch and cookies, setting up games for children, and providing prizes. The board wants to know how other libraries celebrate the week. The same week is Turn Off the TV Week, which may provide a theme to work from. Emporia sometimes has a city proclamation which then gets in the paper. Abilene will host their Kansas READS discussion that week. Libraries set up different displays to focus attention on the week. Tuesday of the National Library Week is National Library Workers Day. Staff would appreciate a card or a flower. Bringing in treats is also a good idea. This year National Library Week is April 15-21.

Trustee Training

Make sure you take the opportunity to find people in the community who are supporters of the library to be on the list for filling a vacancy. Training new board members is essential to a successful relationship with the board. You want to make the trustee feel welcomed. Abilene and Emporia have been asked to participate in a pilot program for the Kansas State Library on trustee training. Spend a portion of each board meeting on training. The Trustee Handbook is available online and is a good resource.

State Library Updates

There was good representation from NCKL libraries at Legislative Day on February 15. The Governor's budget included funding for the statewide Courier Service and TBS Outreach. These issues were put off until the omnibus session. Funding for databases would be part of the State Library's budget. This is a stability of funding issue. The State Library will be here and Kan-Ed's future is not as certain. It would also provide for a more coherent way to track the usage of individual databases. There will be more information to follow concerning Kan-Ed subsidies.

HB 2200 – Materials existing obscenity law would take away protection of teachers and educators to use controversial material in an educational setting. This bill is in committee and there does not seem to be a push to bring it out of committee.

Book Repair Workshop

Royce is working on a book repair workshop. It will be hands-on. There has been no date set. More information will be forthcoming.

Flickr & Other Library 2.0 Applications

There are some applications that may not make sense of an individual library. There have been some NCKL libraries taking advantage of KLOW (Kansas Libraries on the Web) and they now have a web presence. It will take time to decide what tools are right for your library.

Programming Tips and Ideas

For adult programming think about cosponsoring an event with another community member. It helps to find a partner. Purchase movie licensing so you can take advantage of this venue.

Upcoming Workshops

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| March 15 | Summer Reading Workshop | Manhattan |
| March 27 | Intermediate Publisher | Marysville |
| April 3 | Beginning Excel | Manhattan |
| April 11-13 | Tri-Conference | Topeka |
| April 18 | Beginning Publisher | Manhattan |
| April 25 | Beginning Access | Marysville |
| May 2 | Book Fair | Manhattan |

Book Fair is an all day event. Box lunches will be provided. Please sign up for workshops on the NCKL website. In the morning, Andrea Schmidt, K-State Youth Officer, will be discussing how best to work with children. In the afternoon, there will be idea sharing and best practices.

Daylight Savings Time Changes

Richard reported he would have a link on the NCKL website to a patch for the date/time issue caused by the early daylight savings time change. If you run Windows Update, this will correct the problem. If you have both servers and workstations, the server must be corrected first.

Trivia Bee Team Volunteers

NCKL will have 3 great participants in the Trivia Bee during Triconference. Our team is comprised of Marcia Allen, Deb Duckwall, and Sue Blechl. The official NCKL Trivia Bee Team colors are gold and blue.

Reports given by librarians and staff

Carol adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 1 at Hillsboro Public Library.