

Moorhead Library Board  
Board of Trustees, Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2014  
**Director's Report**

**Materials and Services**

- All Lake Agassiz Regional Library locations will participate in Food for Fines during the month of March. During this program, customers may bring in canned food items in exchanged for waived fines. One non-perishable food item will equal one \$2 fine waived. FoodShare Minnesota will match food donations to Minnesota food pantries during the month of March.
- The teen pages on the new LARL website includes a book recommendation feature called "Your Next 5 Books." Young readers are invited to fill out an online form indicating their reading interests, and library staff will contact them with a list of recommended titles.
- The Moorhead Library will participate in a Digital Literacy project, in partnership with a project started by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. This group received an LSTA grant to expand usage of the Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment statewide. Managing partners of the project are the St. Paul Public Library and the Minnesota Literacy Council. These managing partners will work with both the Moorhead Library and Adult Basic Education to offer classes and training sessions relating to digital literacy. The logistics of the project, and the Moorhead Library's involvement, has not been fully determined.

**Library Activity**

- Library activity has picked up quite a bit.
- Concordia Class book nook
  - Sara and Jenna are working with a Concordia 3-D class as part of their curriculum to work with a client and create a design project that would help add a welcoming environment and elements of play and learning inspired by our experience by hosting the exhibit Storyland from the Minnesota Children's Museum.

**Upcoming Programs and Events**

- See brochure

**Outreach**

- Megan Krueger and Jenna Kahly attended a Chamber networking event, Business After Hours, on February 4th.
- Megan Krueger spoke at a Kiwanis meeting on February 19th.

- Moorhead Library staff are currently developing relationships with Churches United to develop programming to support and encourage library use by the youth and families who are currently at the shelter. Sara Watson Curry is working with Shelter staff to offer storytimes and other programs at the shelter on a monthly basis.

### **Building Issues**

- I will be looking into various landscaping options for the Spring. These include:
  - The Moorhead Beautification Task Force
  - Master Gardeners
  - Other volunteers
  - Quotes from places such as Hollands and Oles.
    - May ask them to do minimal preparation and I will plant?
- MN Department of Education Public Library Accessibility and Improvement Grant
  - I will attend a Q&A session on March 3rd regarding the grant process
  - The grant is not currently open
- Spring Cleanup
  - Megan and Jenny will clean out the utility and storage rooms in the building.
- Tables
  - We are currently looking into options for refinishing the wood tables throughout the library.

### **Friends of the Moorhead Library**

- The Friends of the Moorhead Library will have their Spring Book Sale Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th.