

**Moorhead Library Board**  
**Board of Trustees, Regular Meeting**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Director's Report**

**Materials and Services**

- LARL will expand the Your Next 5 Books service to all ages beginning in June 2015. The program is currently only offered to teens. Nicole Boewood, an Associate at the Moorhead Public Library, handles these requests.

**Library Activity**

- Library staff hosted a bus trip to the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul April 25<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was to capacity and it was a raring success. A similar trip will hopefully be planned for the fall.
- As part of the Once Upon a Reader program, MN author David LaRochelle and illustrator Mike Wohnoutka offered a program at the Probstfield Center for Education on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The program included a reading of the book "Moo!" as well as a puppet show with the character Cow. The event had great attendance and was a success.
- The Moorhead Library hosted the event, *Reading is Fundamental* with Don B during National Library Week. The program was funded with Legacy dollars.
- The Moorhead Library hosted a series of STEM events during the month of April for youth ages 10 and up.
- Candace hosted the Maud Hart Lovelace Voting Gala in conjunction with Moorhead schools on March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Outreach Efforts**

- Jenny Rodger, Public Services Librarian, continued teaching Northstar classes to Adult Basic Education students. ABE is excited to continue the partnership after the end of the grant period.
- Candace Perry, Youth Librarian, visited local head start classes on March 10<sup>th</sup> and gave a Boy Scout troop a tour of the library on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Jenny Rodger acted as a judge at the local history day competition at MSUM on March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Continuing Education**

- Jenny attended LibTech Conference at Macalester on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- Candace attended the Spotlight on Books conference in April.

**Upcoming Programs and Events**

- Summer brochures will be out soon
- Potential 'street fair' type of event in partnership with the Rourke in August

## **Friends of the Moorhead Library**

- For National Library Worker's Day (part of National Library Week), the Friends thanked the staff with a Qdoba taco bar and gift cards to either Marcus Theaters or Nichole's Fine Pastry.
- The Friends held a booth at Kidfest at the Moorhead Center Mall in April.
- The Friends will participate in the library's Comic Con event on May 9<sup>th</sup> by selling comic books from their collection of donations.

## **Building Issues**

- Bremer grant update: The Moorhead public Library will receive grant funds to remodel the public meeting rooms. The grant will include a \$20,000 direct grant as well as a dollar for dollar matching opportunity up to \$10,000. More details will be available soon.
- I will be meeting with staff from Christianson's regarding ideas for rearranging the library. There are two reasons for this:
  - The current setup of the library may not be the best for foot traffic or aesthetics.
  - With the purchase of many new furniture items, we need a professional opinion of how to place these items around the building. There is no cost for the consultation.
- The front entrance and restrooms have been painted. Customers noticed and commented right away.
- Youthbuild is currently sanding and refinishing the tables and chairs throughout the library.
- Dave Weber has been hired to fix the wall in the elevator. This work should be completed soon.

## **Staffing Issues**

- Leigh Cameron promoted from Assistant to Associate
- Jessica Hillesheim promoted from part-time Assistant to full-time
- Scheduling interviews for part-time opening