

Moorhead Library Board
Board of Trustees, Regular Meeting
September 8th, 2015
Director's Report

Materials and Services

- LARL continues to highlight a database or set of databases each month. September and October's selections are as follows. Please see the additional handout for further information on each database.
 - o September: Encyclopedia Britannica, Infobits and Searchasaurus
 - o October: Academic Search Premier and MasterFILE Premier

- The Moorhead Library will not renew its subscription to Northstar, the digital literacy test program we have hosted for the past two years. The Moorhead Library was able to participate in this project through a grant received by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library to spread the use of Northstar Digital Literacy standards throughout the state of Minnesota. Our experience has been positive, however usage has been low. While we have been able to participate for free during the grant period, low usage does not justify the \$300 cost to continue our subscription.

Library Activity

- The Moorhead Library has begun hosting a larger ongoing book sale again in order to help get rid of unneeded books and other items. Sales have gone up since adding more materials.

- We have a few new magazine subscriptions starting this fall: The Economist, Fine Cooking and Delight Gluten Free.

- Staff will undertake a large reorganization project this fall. This project will include moving the Young Adult materials back to the front of the library, and shifting the non-fiction materials to make room.

- The children's area now has two Little Tykes playhouses to replace the tree furniture that has been removed.

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Jenny worked with Erin Gunderson from Breckenridge, as well as Greg Danz from Zandbroz Books, NDSU, and the Sons of Norway to prepare for area book tour from Karen V. Hansen. Karen will be in both Moorhead (October 3rd at 2pm) and Breckenridge (October 5th at 6:30pm). She will be discussing and signing her book "Encounter on the Great plains". Zandbroz will be selling books at each event and the author costs are covered by a grant from the North Dakota Humanities Council.

- Concordia students will be hosting "Dangerous Literature" presentations at the library again in November.

- Legacy events have been planned for the fall. Moorhead will be hosting genealogist Rick Crume Sept. 29th, nonfiction author Jack El-Hai Nov. 2nd, and American Girl author Mary Casanova on Nov. 7th. Also courtesy of the Legacy program, Henry IV Part I, will be presented by the “Ten Thousand Things Theatre Company” out of Minneapolis on October 1st at the Moorhead Library. Ten Thousand Things makes it their mission to provide theatre to those without normal access and offered to hold a free performance here at the library.
- A volunteer will be hosting a Chess Club skill share every Tuesday at 6:30 at the library.
- The Friends of the Moorhead Library have started an Outlander series book club in September. The club will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm
- One Book, One Community 2015 is underway. Visit 1book1community.org/events for a full list of events in the area. There is a free event with the author October 6th at the Stage at Island Park in Fargo, with doors opening at 6:30. There will be a private tea with Friends groups and other supporters here at 2pm that day, and that event is invitation only.
- Candace, our Youth Librarian, will host an American Girl Book Club this fall. This is a 3 moth book club in September, October, and November. In September the book club will feature Love in the Oven Bakery, in October one of the dog shelters will come visit, and in November we are having Mary Casanova, the American Girl Author of the Year visit! This fall’s book club will feature the Grace series (about a little girl whose family runs a bakery and she has a dog).

Friends of the Moorhead Library

- The Friends of the Moorhead Library will hold their fall book sale October 23rd and 24th from 10-4 each day. This sale will include all new items (items that they have not set out for sale before).
- The Friends are working to host a painting party in conjunction with Creatively Uncorked as a fundraiser for the meeting room remodel project.

Building Issues

- Bremer Grant Update:
 - o Youthbuild will paint the meeting rooms in September
 - o Carpet will be ordered soon after and furniture will be purchased after the carpet installation
 - o We have raised about \$2,000 toward the \$10,000 matching fund opportunity. Please spread the word. Anyone wanting to make a donation can send it to the library or contribute online at www.larl.org/donate/. Donors should specify that their contribution is to go toward this project.