

Wasco County Library Service District
Board Meeting
March 15, 2018
Location: Tygh Valley

Board members present: Dick Stentz, Carolyn Wood, Carol Jones, and Rita Rathkey

Staff present: Jeff Wavrunek, Rani McPhearson

Called to order: at 11:07 am by Carolyn Wood

Corrections to minutes: none, Rita Rathkey moved to approve, seconded by Carol Jones, and the minutes were approved.

Recognition of visitors and interested parties: Corliss Marsh, who reminded everyone of the upcoming Friends of the Library book sale, to be held Saturday, March 17th from 9-12

Additions to agenda: none

Shared Concerns: Rita Rathkey recommended that when computers are loaned to the Mosier Library volunteers, that they be labeled as having been supplied by the Wasco County Library Service District.

Library Directors' Reports:

Dufur – (submitted via email, as she was not able to attend meeting): March: Dr. Seuss's birthday (Read Across America) was a lot of fun. We had readers for Preschool-5th grade come and spend about 20 minutes reading in the classroom; Rita Squires, Dana Campbell, and Suzy Goolsby, to name just a few. The classes all seemed to enjoy their reader and the readers enjoyed their experience. The Celilo Preschool came for a field trip. They visited the preschool classroom, the kindergarten classroom, had lunch in the cafeteria, had a library tour, and enjoyed a story time. Spring break is March 26th-30th, the library will be closed.

April: We are hosting another soup night on April 5th from 6-8 pm. The Missoula Children's Theater will be at the school 16th-20th. We will be celebrating library week April 23rd -27th with the theme of Jumbo Games. We will have Connect 4, Memory, Guess Who, Jenga, Kerplunk, and Bingo. The kids will also compete in a reading contest with other individuals and classroom prizes will be awarded. The library has ordered a projector and it should be installed by the end of April.

General: Things are coming together for the summer reading program. There is a school bond that is being presented to the voters soon. Some of the things that will benefit the library are new lighting; they will change out the florescent for LED lights. The parking lot will be redesigned, there will be better lighting, a deck will be built around the outside of the library for different activities, and more changes made to focus on making the building and surrounding area safer.

Maupin – Rani has been trying to get story-time going and has a puppet show set up. She is going to try it on Wednesdays; there is a home schooling family that will be coming. For Summer Reading, Rani wants to piggy back with The Dalles for programs. She is also trying to line up volunteers to help in the library. Rani is now able to do copy cataloging. The City of Maupin got the money from the state to help build the new library (and community center). Rani wants to start working on grants for new books. (Carolyn Wood mentioned that she had received a letter saying that the money had been awarded for the new building. It is assumed that she received this letter because she had signed the letter from the Library Board showing their support for the new library and civic center.) April is National Poetry Month and Rani wants to do some programs with Donna Henderson. They are getting a screen so they can show movies. They are going to try showing them bi-weekly. (There was a brief discussion about using digital video collections. Jeff explained that normally the titles are very limited, no major Hollywood studios.) She is also looking into having the Maupin Library being able to check out other things to patrons, like MacBook Pros. Lastly, Rani talked about the pros and cons of letting expensive items be checked out and taken outside the library; especially to patrons that are only in the area temporarily. For now she will only allow use in the library.

