

Friends of the Round Valley Public Library Meeting Feb 6

Attendance:

Pat, Larry, Ed, Lew, John Marshall, Ruby Head, Isabelle LeMieux, Michael Mills

Update of coffee shop tenant applications:

There have been two proposals submitted. Rio has made it clear that he will not be submitting a proposal. He has agreed to facilitate a smooth transition and will pay rent until the end of February.

Radio project financial report. The radio has been spending more of promotion which has resulted in more memberships sold. KYBU is working on keeping their over head low which requires most work to be done by volunteers. The workload could be reduced with the use of software. KYBU is hoping that the friends will help buy this software in the future.

John stated that the blackberry committee should submit a financial report as well.

Librarians report

2015_2 Librarian's Report

The new bank of juvenile shelves was installed just in time for a new shipment of children's books! The kids are very excited by the new selection. Especially popular are the new graphic novels and the books in Spanish. Three classes from the Charter School are visiting us now.

Dane and Michael installed their new wooden Large Print sign, which they managed to match exactly to the signs that have been in place for 5 years.

Michael completed a beautiful sign for the Children's section, "How Tall Am I Today?" which will be sure to inspire conversations about units of measurement and entertain kids, siblings, parents, and friends for some time to come.

We finished barcoding the circulating collection!!! Some of the non-circulating reference is not barcoded, but next Librarian may have experience to better reshape that collection.

We're starting to differentiate DVDs: Lavender stickers now identify Juvenile DVDs. We're looking at possibly differentiating genres with colored labels.

We're working on updating procedures binder for staff and volunteers. This should prove valuable when the new Associate is hired, and if the new half-time Assistant is hired from outside our group of workers.

The three non-fiction areas are now labeled, making our Dewey decimal system more "user friendly" for patrons and shelvees. We are in the process of weeding out-of-date, duplicate, and badly worn titles. We are keeping or reordering "classic" titles.

We have three new volunteers working regularly: Michael, Josh, and Diann. They are helping with pulling requested books, wrapping new hardcover additions to our collection, and covering the circulation desk. We held another orientation today.

The two AWE Early Learning Station computers arrived. Shey Davis is repurposing the bamboo shelf that used to hold DVDs behind the Circulation Desk into a shelf/table for the computers and will be in this weekend for the install. Headphones and locks have been purchased and have arrived.

The DEMCO order has been submitted. The new cart and rolling step stool have shipped and will soon be put to good use.

December circulation stats were up 88% over previous year's stats. January stats were up over last year's and showed the highest number of requests resolved ever!

Next week on the 11th, they'll interview applicants for Associate (Rachel's) position. Twenty-three people applied, and about half that will be interviewed. Emily will be representing our community on the interview panel. She has volunteered in the library for several years and has a clear idea of what kind of person we'll need to successfully run our branch. She is taking a day off work and I'd like for us to reimburse her travel expenses at the going rate. (The County does not budget for that.) A vote was passed to reimburse Emily for 53 cents a mile travel expenses.

Tomorrow, February 7th, the application window for the half-time Assistant position will close.

The Sustainability Movie Series will show WRENCHED, Friday the 13th, at 7 pm. Wrenched looks at how Edward Abbey, author of Desert Solitaire and The Monkey Wrench Gang, lit the flame of environmental activism and gave the movement its soul. The film captures the passing of the monkey wrench from the pioneers of eco-activism to the new generation that will carry Edward Abbey's legacy into the 21st century. Wrenched will show in the Community Room at 7 PM next Friday.

The County Library is sponsoring a family concert for our community. 4 Shillings Short will play Feb 19th at 7pm, in the Community Room. Rooted in Celtic and American Folk and inspired by Indian Raga and ethnic idioms, 4 Shillings Short offers a diverse and inventive traditional music adventure. The show will last an hour, so people who frequent Open Mic Night can head over there when the concert here, ends.

Magazine subscriptions: I've been writing emails soliciting free magazine subscriptions and gotten a handful of magazines to say yes. We've solicited

suggestions from staff, volunteers, and a sample of patrons and made a list of magazines we'd like to offer the community and are asking friends and patrons if they'd like to sponsor a magazine subscription from our wish list. You'll hear the PSA on KYBU.

I contacted the County Library regarding **the parking area in front of the library**. They got in touch with the Transportation Department who did some checking and informed us that the parking area is our property, so they will not seal the area or repaint parking space lines. The lines are worn and it is hard to see them, especially in bad weather. I suggest we consider repainting lines or sealing the roughly 18x80' strip and repainting the lines sometime this spring. I've left a message for Brian Hurt to see what he would charge.

Does anyone have an extra-large dolly? As soon as the electrical work is done in the Friend's office (and the single outlet not being used!) I'd like to move the Seed Library refrigerator to its "forever home." The dolly we have now is too small to do the job safely.

In 6 weeks it will be the **5-year anniversary** of the new branch. Party?

Fundraising report:

The upcoming fundraiser will be hosted by Ollie Nummelin at the library commons on Saturday, March 21st. The Theme this time is music from the 60's and 70's and will feature local musicians performing renditions of famous songs from that era. Pat brought to our attention that this will also be around the same time as the 5th year anniversary of the library commons. We discussed asking Ollie to incorporate this into the promotion of the event. Larry is considering doing an email newsletter announcement requesting donations.

Rental report: Book keeping got backed up over the Holiday season but we did a lot of rentals this winter. Carol expressed the need for more support in the book keeping and secretarial duties that she has been performing. Lew said that he would try to make deposits on a more frequent basis. Larry stated that he would open the mail. The Landscaping plan has been coming along but a timeline needs to be developed. Izzy called for a meeting of the landscaping committee (date to be determined). Izzy inquired about the availability of Funds remaining from the USDA solar grant. The general consensus of the group was that the grant funds are more than likely used up at this point. We should consider applying for another grant through the same agency for the out door space.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Isabelle LeMieux