

Wasco County Library Service District  
Board meeting  
February 15, 2022  
Location: via Zoom

Board members present: Mary Beechler, Corliss Marsh, Vicki Thomas, Tina Coleman, Deward Hext

Staff present: Jeff Wavrunek, Valerie Stephenson

Meeting called to order at: 4:34 pm

Minutes: Mary Beechler made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Vicki Thomas seconded; the vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

No visitors or interested parties.

Director's reports:

The Dalles – The new employee started working. She has been great. Shows great initiative. *I Miss the Rain in Africa: Peace Corps as a Third Act*, an author event with Nancy Wesson, will be held on Monday, February 28th. Join us at 6:00 as Nancy reads an excerpt from her book and participates in a Q&A about her time in the Peace Corps and Uganda. A Galentine's Day Kit was very popular at the library this year. Galentine's Day is February 13th! This holiday debuted in 2010 in an episode of "Parks and Recreation" as a day for women to celebrate their female relationships. This kit focuses on self-care and includes a small art project. A Valentine Day's card making station at the library was popular as well. The children's wing has been busy.

Maupin – Maupin has received two Wasco County Cultural Trust grants, \$2,000 each. One for Traditional Warm Springs Dancers and Drummers to perform for the Maupin Daze Centennial event. And, one \$2,000 WCCT grant for a reprint of the *Chaff in the Wind*. An Oregon Humanities grant for \$4,000 to pay for a program with Delson Suppah from the Warm Springs Reservation to give an Oral History Chapter for *Chaff in the Wind* was awarded too. Lots of programs going on with increased attendance. We've had a Tea Blending Class, Felting Class, and a Power of Positive Intentions Class.

Dufur – (From Sarah's email) Things in Dufur have been good. Our teens have started coming back slowly after school started. We average 3 kids per evening and the knitters had a great start but the weather and COVID numbers have slowed them down again. Ursula has been working hard on advertising library activities on Facebook. She has been averaging about 3 check outs at the community meal and reads to 6 kids at the daycare and 15 at the preschool. The book fair is happening this week and has already been off to a good start.

Old business: The book club that received the complaint is still meeting with the approval of The City and County. The SIP agreement with Google has been approved between the City and the County. Now the taxing districts in Wasco County have to vote on a distribution method for the Community Service Fee, which is part of the SIP agreement. There are meetings planned for the end of February and early March with all the taxing districts to vote on their favorite distribution plan.

New business: For those that receive overdue notifications, you might have noticed something new recently. It is an “automatic renewal attempt.” The wording you get is: “an automatic renewal attempt was made for the following items.” It then goes on to list the item title and author, and the new due date. Even if you don’t get email or text notifications, this is still happening. How does automatic renewal work? On your item’s due date, our system will try to automatically renew it. You will receive an email or text letting you know which items were renewed and which items are still almost due. Most items can be renewed up to two times. Most physical items are eligible for automatic renewal. Some exceptions include: when another patron is waiting for the item, there are no renewals remaining, and your account is blocked due to fines or fees.

The Library Director is looking into whether Wowbrary is setup for the whole of Wasco County or just The Dalles Library. The Library Foundation is looking for new members. Please recommend good candidates to The Library Foundation or Library Director.

Financial: Nothing

Next meeting will be held at 4:30 on February 15, 2022, via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

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DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Corliss Marsh, Chairman

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Mary Beechler, Vice Chairman

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