

TIME: 12:00 Lunch (bring your own) and meeting
PLACE: Library Staff Room

THE DALLES-WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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A G E N D A

Library Board Meeting

April 8, 1993

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES - March 11, 1993
- III. SHARED CONCERNS OF THE BOARD
- IV. REPORTS
 - A. Library User Survey Results
 - B. Automation Project Status
 - C. Oregon Library Association Conference
 - D. Quarterly Circulation Report
 - E. 1993-1994 Proposed Budget Status
 - F. Title List Of Books Selected For Purchase

a lack of people to read to or to a lack of readers. Sheila said that it was due to a lack of readers. Anne Duyck asked how much of a need there was. Sheila said that she didn't really know.

REPORTS

A. Library User Survey Results

Sheila Dooley said that the survey information had been collected for 3 weeks with 70 patrons responding. Ross Cain concluded that people were asking for more hours open. Sheila said that one third of the patrons had asked for additional hours. The students were most-interested in morning hours while the general public was more interested in evening and Sunday hours. Sheila said that the lack of morning hours was a problem for college students. When the library becomes automated, extending the hours may be possible. Albeana Taylor said that there was currently no money available to hire more staff. Joanne Brewer said that the hours open would never please everyone. Ross Cain suggested sending a letter to the college to let them know that the students were interested in morning hours. Sheila said that she would send a copy of the survey results to Don Guilliams for his information. Anne Duyck said that the survey would be useful for future planning.

B. Automation Project Status

Sheila Dooley reported that Hood River County, The Dalles City Council, and The Dalles School District 9 had all approved the grant application. Hood River School District, The Dalles School District 12, Sherman Union High School, and the two hospitals had yet to make a decision. Sheila said that there was enough support to apply. Anne Duyck asked if Mosier would be part of the system. Sheila said that it was only open 2 hours a week and didn't have the budget to support the system. In addition, Mosier residents could use the Hood River or The Dalles libraries.

C. Oregon Library Association Conference

Sheila Dooley reported on several of the workshops that she had attended. Second level reference centers and Internet were the topics of most interest. Ross Cain distributed handouts that he had received at the workshops that he had attended. Topics included the State Library's services for the blind and physically handicapped, land use planning, storytelling, and library boardmanship.

D. Quarterly Circulation Report

Sheila Dooley reported that the non-fiction circulation had increased, most likely due to the purchases by the college. Anne Duyck asked if there was a percentage for the records

circulation. Sheila said that she could work out the averages for the other categories. Albeana Taylor asked what the average lifespan for the books on cassettes was under normal use. Sheila said that since replacement cassettes were purchased one at a time the average lifespan was unknown.

E. 1993-1994 Proposed Budget Status

Sheila Dooley reported that the County had decided to budget a 6% increase for the library and in addition to pay for one half of a security system. Joanne Brewer asked if the security system funds were earmarked for that purpose. Sheila said that they were. The City's part of the budget might or might not be the same as the County's. Sheila would be meeting with the City Manager to discuss it. She said that she would like to keep funding for the OLA Conference in the budget as we will need to know what other libraries are doing as we become automated and start networking. Anne Duyck asked if attending the Conference was required. Sheila said that it wasn't but it was worthwhile.

F. Title List Of Books Selected For Purchase

The title list of books selected for purchase was presented but no action was taken.

Ross Cain suggested that the Board read the test case regarding censorship in the boardsmanship handout before the next meeting so that they could discuss it. Albeana Taylor said that she had concerns about the suitability of some of the paperback donations that she had been processing. Sheila Dooley said to set them aside and she would review them. She said that the decision to add a book to the collection should not be based on whether the book was offensive but whether it had value for the collection. She said that the library had a materials selection policy and usually purchased from reviews. Joe Tschanz asked if the library had ever removed a book that someone had found offensive. Sheila said that it had never been done as far as she knew. It was decided to review the policies regarding censorship at the next meeting.

At 1:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ross Cain.