

Pathfinder Federation Spring Meeting
Zoom Meeting
May 8, 2020

Belt Public Library- Gladys Rayhill
Blaine County Library- Valerie Frank, Patty Hall
Choteau/Teton Library- Della Yeager, Karen Ferris
Chouteau County Library- Sandra Larson, Janet Worrall
Conrad Public Library- Not Present
Dutton/Teton Public Library- Jean Harmon
Fairfield Public Library- Diana Levine
Glacier County Library- Jamie Greco
Great Falls Public Library- Susie McIntyre, Sam DeForest
Harlem Public Library- Colleen Brommer, Teresa Cornell
Havre-Hill County Library- Rachel Rawn, Dolores Noffsinger
Liberty County Library- Julie Erickson, Belinda Hawks
Toole County Library- Heidi Alford, Peggy Tobin
Valier Public Library- Cathy Brandvold, Janet Holden
Wedsworth Memorial Library- Nancy Royan, Melody Skogley

Federation Business

- Advisory Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
- Fall 2019 minutes were unanimously accepted as submitted.
- Motion was made by Peggy Tobin to donate any leftover Federation funds to MontanaLibrary2Go, second by Janet Holden. Motion carried unanimously.
- FY 21 Plan of Service was discussed and approved unanimously.
- Please have your Individual Library Allocation form back to Valerie by May 18, 2020.
- Federation Coordinator election- Valerie Frank will continue as Federation Coordinator for another 2-year term.
- Pathfinder Fall 2020 meeting will be Thursday October 22, 2020.

MSL Report

- Cara Orban gave the report.
 - COVID-19- Cara discussed the weekly on-line meetings hosted by the State Library including resources and re-opening of libraries. Meetings are held on-line every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.
 - Public Library Standards Task Force- Proposed changes and timeline can be found on the MSL website.
https://mslservices.mt.gov/about_the_library/commission_councils/public_library_standards_task_force/default.aspx
 - Census 2020- Census Day @ the Library has been postponed possibly until sometime this Fall. Meetings are held online the last Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be May 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Posters and other materials will be sent out without dates printed on them.
 - MSL will have a series of mini trainings on ASPeN beginning in late May.
 - Law Day and Directors Institute have been postponed- updates will be posted on wired.

- Programs in a Box- Amelea is looking for input and interest from libraries. There was a lot of interest from Pathfinder libraries for more information on this project. Link: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/709435f06aba4339be4030c2bf83be75>
Contact Amelea Kim with thoughts about this program.

Joys and Concerns

- **Valier Public Library-** Our addition is finished! The extra room has been wonderful giving the adults a computer area away from the youth. Also, more shelving for more books! We are still working through details of continued COVID-19 shutdown writing policies to cover the future. Hopefully they will never be used! At this time, we still plan on beginning Summer Reading activities the middle of June. We are waiting on word from the town as to when they will pave our parking lot, when the roof on the original building will be replaced after last year's hail. We are hoping to replace sidewalks this year with help from the Foundation and the Friends. We are also very grateful to 3 Rivers Communication for an unexpected \$15,000 grant which will update our computers and technology!!
- **Harlem Public Library-** Joys: The annual Friends of the Library Wine and Cheese Fundraiser was a success and raised the most money ever! Carly has completed the inventory (we do it every other year). We have a new board member who is completing the term of a member who had to resign because of health issues. The library is the cleanest it has been because of all the cleaning and sanitizing we have done and are doing! Staff worked regular hours in March and April and provided curbside service, computers by appointment, mail delivery. CONCERNS: We are once again reminded people do not read signs! (refers to the signs we put up upon opening to public in Phase I. Summer Reading up in the air. Worried about budget cuts. Miss seeing people in person!
- **Toole County Library-** A joy: Found out that 3 Rivers Communications (telephone/internet provider) is gifting all libraries in the surrounding area a grant of \$15,000. All we need to do is write a short explanation of how we will use the money. Woo hoo! For me it will be new computers. It was a joy to tell my staff that they could continue to work and receive a paycheck. Can't think of any concerns right now.
- **Chouteau County Library-** I really don't have any brags or bumbles this time. We are just trying to navigate the waters. We are doing curbside and planning to open slowly. We have employees that are high risk, including myself so we are being extra cautious.
- **Blaine County Library-** We are appreciative that we were able to continue working during the shutdown and we were able to complete many tasks we never seem to have the time to do. I am concerned what the shutdown will do to the budget. Now that we are open to the public, we too are reminded that people don't read signs on the door!
- **Great Falls Public Library-** Joys: The GFPL Foundation and the GFPL have started a campaign to purchase a new Bookmobile. We have created the specifications and hope to officially order the Bookmobile within the next two weeks. The Foundation and the Bookmobile committee will be writing grants and fund raising. We hope to have the new bookmobile by next March or April. Concerns: As has the rest of the world, GFPL has been impacted by COVID-19. We are working on our re-opening plan. We hope to open limited hours starting May 19th. Ensuring the safety of staff and patrons while providing service will be a challenge!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Frank, Federation Coordinator