

**Whitman County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**
Public Meeting at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library
July 16, 2024

Present: Cindy Alred, Ronda Penwell, Heather Lustig, Shirley Cornelius, Sheri Miller, and Cody Allen

Cindy Alred called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Minutes of the June meeting and Resolutions 24-14 and 24-15 were approved by a vote of the Board.

Reports

June financial documents were presented to the board and a brief explanation about them was given.

In the director's report, the Colfax library staff are trying to put on a youth program every day in July since the Colfax pool is closed for the summer and we hope to provide additional recreational opportunities for the kids. The games have been received that were funded through a state library grant. Cody has two seminars the week of July 22. The first is a MRSC training in Pullman in Tuesday on Public Works contracting and the second is an Inland Northwest Partners meeting in Worley on Wednesday. There is a local library group consisting of libraries from Spokane, Whitman, Ferry, and Asotin counties called Inland Council of Libraries (INCOL) that may be deactivated because of lack of leadership. Summerfest is on July 27 in Colfax and the library will have chalk art, a spinning wheel, book sale, and prize drawings. The newsletter continues to evolve and is now sent out twice a month. The first one is general news of the library and the second one is more branch specific. On the second one, we hope to add a button for each branch that will take the recipient to a specific branch so that you look at just the events for that library. The St John Library usually has a booth every year at the stock show in St. John but was denied a spot this year. Cody is working with the board of the stock show to work through any misunderstandings. The Endicott balloon festival has been postponed to the fall because of excessive heat. There are 5 good applicants for Kathy Buchholz's position and we have decided to not continue advertising. We now have 2 additional Blink cameras in the Center.

Continuing Business

In branch news, the donated building in Rosalia has been turned over to the town and on 7/24 the Fiber should be turned over to the new building. July will be spent cleaning the new building and will move in over closed week. The new library in Malden has been framed.

In library usage, physical checkouts are down but digital downloads are up. Kanopy is being well used. Malden continues to have no circulation. June is the second month in a row of no checkouts. Facebook usage continues to do well.

A proposed agreement has been sent to the Colfax Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Library for use of the small room in the Center. The letter will be reviewed again when we have a full board in attendance.

New Business

There will be a concurrent staff summer reading contest with a wrap up party sometime in August and separate staff prizes.

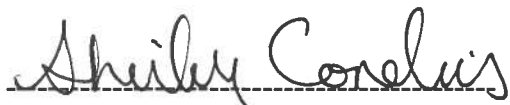
The friends will not be doing a calendar this year and plan on doing t-shirts with weird local history lore as their fundraiser. They plan on having a t-shirt design contest in the local schools and will unveil the winner at the Jingle and Mingle party. They also plan a fall Spooktacular event at the library.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 by vice-chair Cindy Alred.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, at 4:00 PM at the Colfax branch of the Whitman County Library.



Shirley Cornelius


Cindy Alred, Chair