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State Library Report 2019 Q4

Library Visits:

Library Development visited 3 public and 1 school libraries.

IT Staff visited the Underwood Library on 3 different occasions for the Network Infrastructure grant. They visited an additional 3 public libraries.

Meetings, conferences:

Soucie attended the North Dakota Census office Grand Opening. She participated in monthly meetings of the Education and Libraries Task Force. Soucie also met via phone with Kevin Iverson, ND Data Coordinator for the Census from the Commerce Dept. and representative from the US Census Bureau to discuss utilizing libraries as part of the hiring process and the census collection process.

Soucie, Assistant State Librarian Clairmont-Schmidt, CE Coordinator Houser and Administrative Assistant Balliet met with Gary Vetter from ITD to discuss joining the Commerce Department's Eventbrite contract. NDSL will begin using Eventbrite for registration for in-person events in 2020.

Soucie spoke with Renee Cooper from KX News regarding an update on the McMillan Boycott based on their new policy to embargo e-books for the first 8 weeks after publication. The State Library decided to extend their boycott through the end of January to support the ND Digital Consortium's ban for the same time period. (2020 Q1 update: we have now extended the ban indefinitely and the Digital Consortium has extended their ban through April, 2020. Renee did another follow-up story on this at the end of January.)

Several staff attended the NDLA Annual Conference in West Fargo. NDSL also gave several presentations.

ILL/Center for the Book:

Letters about Literature opened in October. We have a teacher's guide that we adapted from one created by the Wyoming State Library.

Library Development:

We digitized 16,397 images and 149 titles. Our Digital Horizons collection received 150,297 views.

Public Services:

We increased our public computer time restrictions to one hour. We will monitor this to determine if it is sufficient.

Outreach:

We staffed booths at the Interagency Transition Conference and Main Street Summit and presented at the DPI Fall Educators' Conference.

Talking Books Manager Hammer-Schneider staffed a booth at the Parkinson's Conference in Minot and the Voc Rehab Conference in Bismarck.

Statewide Cataloging:

We began working on the Dickinson Public Library backlog work per our contract with them.

In partnership with ODIN, we conducted a trial for five libraries that had been cataloged by NDSL but wanted to try to catalog on their own. ODIN staff provided the training. Libraries had until Dec. 31 to decide if they wanted to continue on their own or return to NDSL. Four of the five libraries opted to continue to do their own cataloging NDSL will continue to coordinate the barcode purchases for these libraries. We have also determined a per record charge if the libraries need any assistance with original cataloging but we anticipate that number to be extremely minimal if at all.

ODIN:

Soucie, Stroshane, Clairmont-Schmidt and ODIN Director Kotrba selected the North Dakota representatives to serve on the Minitex Statewide E-Resources (SER) Task force. We changed the process for selecting the reps to an open application and then we scored the applications to aid in the selection. In the past, we have had one rep from the State Library and three from academic libraries. This year, Eric Stroshane is serving from the State Library and we have a representative from Academic, Public and School libraries serving alongside Eric. We are thrilled to have such a wide variety of library types represented. The SER Task force looks over the RFP responses from database vendors and then attends an intensive three days of vendor demo's and makes recommendations on which databases should be selected for the tri-state contract. We are grateful to each of the representatives for serving.

Personnel:

We held our annual staff recognition event in December. The following staff were recognized: Amanda Person and Trevor Martinson- 3 years; Crystal Forster, Jessica Robinson and Mary Soucie- 5 years; Krista Kurtz and BreAnne Meier, 10 years; Eric Stroshane, 15 years; Shari Mosser and Cindy Olson, 20 years. We were delighted to have Laurie Matzke join us for our event.

Oral report given at the ODIN meeting:

NDSL is once again celebrating *Blind Date with a Book*. We kicked it off with a booth at the State Capitol.

The theme for this year's March Madness is *One Word Nouns*, although "a" "an" and "the" were allowed. Voting will take place on Facebook.

The State Aid and Annual Report for Public Libraries both opened on February 1st and both will be due on March 31. There were changes to State Aid that include certification by the city/county auditor(s).

Census opens on March 12. We are encouraging the library community to continue to promote the census.

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council will be reviewing a draft for Library Vision 2024 at their February meeting. We expect to send it to the library community for feedback no later than March 2. The NDLCC hopes to adopt the document at their spring meeting.