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State Library Report 2019 Q3

Library visits:

Statewide Cataloging visited two public libraries to discuss cataloging procedures and migration.

IT visited seven public libraries and one combined public/school library to discuss and assist with IT needs.

Soucie visited Lisbon and McKenzie County Public Libraries for a Librarian for a Day.

Meetings, conferences:

Soucie attended the monthly meetings of the ODIN Executive Committee. Soucie and Clairmont-Schmidt attended the ODIN Steering Committee Quarterly meeting.

Soucie has been appointed to the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee by Governor Burgum and is serving as a member of the Education and Libraries Task Force.

The State Library hosted a teen from Cass County, Allison, in a reverse Librarian for the Day. Allison spent time in each department learning about the services offered by the State Library. It was a fun day and we hope to do more of these in the future.

Soucie was interviewed by KX News regarding the McMillan Publishing library embargo. Soucie and Marketing Specialist Meier assisted NDLA and the North Dakota Digital Consortium with crafting and disseminating statements regarding the embargo. Soucie was interviewed again in November. NDSL has extended their boycott of McMillan e-books through January 2020 in support of the Digital Consortium.

Several NDSL staff members serve in various capacities on the NDLA Board and attended board meetings as required. Soucie, Clairmont-Schmidt, Stroshane, Redding, ILL Clerk Kurtz and Talking Book Reader's Advisor Murphy attended the NDLA Annual Conference in West Fargo.

The Library Development Team hosted Summer Summits in Bismarck, Grand Forks, Minot and West Fargo. Soucie presented at each event.

ILL/Center for the Book:

ILL Manager and Center for the Book Coordinator, Mosser, and Soucie attended the Library of Congress National Book Festival in Washington D.C. We handed out buttons, answered questions about North Dakota libraries and North Dakota and shared fun facts about the state.

Statewide Cataloging:

We have completed Phase I of the contact catalog project for Dickinson Area Public Library; Phase II began on Oct. 1. Phase I focused on cataloging a backlog for one of the schools that

DAPL serves and Phase II focuses on a backlog at DAPL.

Outreach:

The State Library staffed a booth at the State Fair. Although it is a good opportunity to interact with a wide variety of people, after evaluating the costs and the ROI we have decided not to staff a booth in the future.

Talking Books Manager Hammer-Schneider did a presentation about the TB Service to the staff of Trinity Care Center in Minot and to the residents of Valley View Assisted Living in Bismarck and Souris River Assisted Living in Velva.

Library Development presented information on databases at teacher in-service days in Wing and McClusky.

Talking Books:

We are the second state to move to 100% Download on Demand (DoD) for our Talking Book patrons. This allows them to receive up to 10 books on a single cassette. We returned our physical collection to the National Library Service which took several months.

We recorded a marketing video, "A Day in the Life of a Book". Emily from Vision Services/School for the Blind assisted us in both shooting and editing the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ycZwWsg71U>

NDLCC:

The NDLCC met on August 25 at the Leach Public Library in Wahpeton. The Council finalized the Library Vision grant opportunities as well as updated grant scoring rubric, guidelines, grant application and grant report forms. The Council adopted final version of Library Standards for Public Libraries; they waived standards compliance for this round of grants only since we are between the old and new version of the standards.

The NDLCC and NDSL announced three grant opportunities. Two are competitive grants: General Collection Development and Innovative Partnerships and one non-competitive grant: Technology Infrastructure. All grant opportunities closed on Sept. 30. We received thirty-nine collection development grants, eighteen partnership grants and thirty-one infrastructure grants. NDSL provided the NDLCC with a prioritized list of libraries for the infrastructure grants at their October 10 meeting. The Council made award decisions for all grants at the meeting.

Personnel:

Library Assistant Allie Suko joined the staff on July 24th. She is working the reference desk as well as doing some processing tasks