2014 ANNUAL REPORT
&
2015 BUDGET REQUEST

Kittitas County Regional Library Board

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October 31, 2014
Dear Commissioners Jewell, O’Brien, and Berndt,

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you the 2014 Kittitas County Regional Library Board’s annual report and 2015 budget requests. Each city library is represented here with a brief report on activities in 2014 and each city’s request for general fund support for 2015.

The following table is a summary of each city’s request for county General Fund support.

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The regional board firmly believes in the power of collaboration. The city libraries are working closely with each other to provide extra regional services, offering library cards to each other’s residents through reciprocal borrowing agreements.

The One Book, One County Read regional library program is in its fifth year. This year we highlighted the book Cuss by Kristine Franklin. The young adult novel was set in 1925 Roslyn during the coal mining days. The Read encouraged all county residents to read the same book and come together for discussion and programming around the themes in the book.

The county’s librarians will continue the program in 2015 with another good book, The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown, is about University of Washington’s rowing team and their quest for the 1936 Olympics.

For 2015, we are expanding our regional services to include Ellensburg, Cle Elum, and Roslyn libraries sharing a single integrated library system (ILS). An ILS is an enterprise resource planning system for a library, comprising a relational database, software to interact with that database, and two graphical user interfaces (one for patrons, one for staff). Cataloging, circulation and the online public catalog are modules of the database that are integrated with a unified interface. Each patron and item has a unique ID in the database that allows the ILS to track its activity. We are hopeful the Kittitas Library will be able to also join the ILS project in the near future. The county’s support is particularly crucial during this budget cycle to help get this project going so as to continue the quality of library service for residents of Kittitas County. We are asking for $5000 in county funding to pay for one-time installation and training costs.

This year we are again requesting consideration of the Summer Reading Program Regional Project to support county kids in their reading habits over the summer. The project costs a mere $1500.00. These funds support each of the smaller three libraries by providing $500 to supplement their budgets for summer reading incentives and supplies.
The advisory board appreciates the commissioners' recognition of the need for continued library support. All our libraries in the county have been expanding services with new electronic resources and programming. This year, in collaboration with Microsoft, the WA State Library, and funding from the WA State Legislature, our local libraries are able to offer all Kittitas County residents free access to the Microsoft IT Academy which offers a myriad of self-paced online courses in learning basic computer skills and Microsoft Office products such as Word and Excel.

Each library’s statistics show county residents from the unincorporated areas have, over the last ten years, consistently made up at least 30% or more of all the libraries’ registered borrowers. All the libraries rely on County government to contribute their share of the necessary funding to continue to provide the quality library services our county residents expect.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Debby DeSoar, Ellensburg Public Library Director
On behalf of the Kittitas County Regional Library Board
October 21, 2014

County Commissioners
Kittitas County Courthouse
205 W. 5th Avenue
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Commissioners Berndt, Jewell and O’Brien,

Moving into 2014 Cle Elum began celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Carpenter Memorial Library. Mayor Gondo proclaimed this a year of celebrating this momentous occasion. Accolades soon followed from the county and state levels. Community celebrations included a pie and band social, 6 o’clock speaker series, and thanks to the county commissioners for contributing $500.00 we held a special summer reading program for the kids.

Libraries are a gathering place where people of any age and class can have the same access and opportunity. For 100 years Carpenter Memorial Library has provided these opportunities and more to the people in Cle Elum and the surrounding areas. Patrons have access to more than 45,000 items including electronic and audio books through Washington Anytime Library.

Statistics show that the percentage of Kittitas County unincorporated patrons remained at 33%. These patrons continue to use the library for all offered resources including an Internet speed not available in many rural, outlying residences.

We continue to seek grant opportunities and creative funding whenever time and circumstances allow. We applied for and received mini-grants from both the local Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. A newly reinvigorated Friends of the Library has been contributing resources acquired through library fund raisers.
According to the Washington Public Library Statistical Report, for its size, Carpenter Memorial Library is one of the busier libraries in the state in both user visits and circulation. The library is staffed by one part-time librarian, one part-time aide and a host of volunteers who donate up to 70 hours/month. The volunteers are capable of helping in many arenas; however do not want the responsibility of keeping the library open as paid staff does. Funding received from the county is an essential part of the library budget. This money is contingent with NOT charging unincorporated residents for library cards. At this point we remain optimistic that our budget for 2015 will remain the same or increase from this year’s total of $58,650.00. With a ~33% patron base of unincorporated residents we are asking the county to contribute ~ 33% share of this budget. Conservatively using the 2014 budget as a baseline we are asking the county to contribute $19,000.00 to the Carpenter Memorial Library 2015 budget. We recognize the difficult decisions the budget committee faces, but we believe it is crucial to invest in our libraries now more than ever.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jane K. Agar, Librarian
Carpenter Memorial Library
Cle Elum, WA 98922
TO: Commissioners Paul Jewell, Obie O’Brien, and Gary Berndt  
FROM: Debbi DeSoer, Director  
DATE: October 31, 2014  
SUBJECT: 2014 Annual Report and 2015 Funding Request

The Ellensburg Public Library is again requesting $100,000 from the county for funding year 2014. Card holders from the county’s unincorporated areas make up 33% of total borrower cards. This percentage continues to remain stable over the last decade and is only one measurement of strong library use by unincorporated area residents.

The Ellensburg Public Library is used for so much more than just borrowing materials from the collection. The Library’s Summer Reading Program supports students in the Ellensburg School District by giving them incentive to keep reading over the summer. 767 Kittitas County children participated in the reading program this past summer. Our teen program has grown this summer. Our third annual teen 3-day video workshop drew 25 kids to participate and create short movies which premiered during the Ellensburg Film Festival.

The Library also maintains the Hal Holmes Community Center which is a meeting room and event space used by all county residents, from non-profit groups’ meetings to weddings and memorial services.

The Library maintains 12 public computer work stations in the adult lab and 8 in the children’s department. There is also wi-fi available for patrons with their own computing devices. The library has a dedicated workstation for access to Washington Connection and Washington Health Plan Finder. This station also provides for scanning documents.

This year we continued with our grant to digitize Kittitas County historic photos for the Washington Rural Heritage project. We also have recently received two grants to teach digital literacy skills in the community. One grant will focus on education to the Hispanic
population and the other grant will be focusing on helping unemployed and under-employed residents gain computer and job search skills.

The Library Board recently created several short videos to show on YouTube in conjunction with our fall campaign to promote the Library. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone to view.

"It's More Than Just a Card... Check It Out!"

I would like to express my appreciation for your support over the years, thank you! 😊

And thank you for your consideration of the library's budget request,

[Signature]
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October 18, 2014

Kittitas County Commissioners
205 West 5th Street, Room 110
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Commissioners:

The Gilmour Memorial Library is open to the public 780 hours per year. We currently have 758 registered family cardholders: 411 are City of Kittitas residents, 347 are non-residents and 14 are reciprocal card holders. Our services remain free to all patrons.

We have 16,502 items available for checkout. We have joined the Washington Anytime Library making available thousands of electronic and audio book resources. We have 4 public access computers available and have wireless internet services for laptop owners and now offer access to the Microsoft IT Academy. We provide the following children’s activities: Christmas in Kittitas, where we plan on handing out books to all children that attend this year; our “Cup ’O Cocoa and a Book to Go” at Valentine’s Day; and, we conduct the Summer Reading Program (all with the assistance of the Friends of the Library and volunteers).

Comparison statistics:

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<td>Circulation</td>
<td>4,121</td>
<td>3302</td>
<td>3150</td>
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<td>Kit Co Contribution</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
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Our Board of Directors anticipates that the City will contribute at least the same budget amount to the library for the 2015 budget year that it did the previous year. We understand the budget has not yet been approved by the City Council but are hopeful this will happen. We hope to hear from the City soon as to whether or not the Library will undergo a large remodel in 2015. If it does, the budget will most likely increase because the size of the Library will increase. The Board of Directors will continue to have an active role in managing the library.

The Gilmour Memorial Library respectfully requests $6,600 funding for the 2015 budget year. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynette Johnson
Library Manager
February 2014

The Kittitas Friends of the Library sponsored a “Cup O’ Cocoa and a Book to Go” again this year. This is the 14th year we have sponsored this event and it improves every year!

We chose to use the Valentine’s Day theme again this year. On February 10th there were 65 Kindergarten children attending. On February 11th there were 65 children 1st thru 2nd grades attending. On February 12th there were 60 children 3rd thru 5th grades attending. That is a total of 190 children!! The School has now made this a field trip for each class, so, we have extra teacher and parent involvement which helps us a lot.

Each day the children made valentines, ate cookies, drank cocoa and received a free book to take home with them. They were also read a Valentine themed story by different volunteers each session. This year we had more Valentine decorations put up, so, it was a fun atmosphere for the children!

Teacher Barb Schmidt visits each classroom at school and passes out flyers for the event. Parents help supervise and walk the children from the school to the library. Children must have a signed permission slip from their parent allowing them to attend the event. Members of the Friends of the Library set up the Community Hall and provide craft materials for everyone. Adult volunteers helped supervise each day. They also served cocoa and cookies. (Cookies were baked and decorated by volunteers.)

The City continues to be generous and allows us the use of the Community Hall at no charge. We appreciate their continued support. We look forward to doing it again in 2015!

Charlene Wilkes
Friends of the Kittitas Public Library
Events Coordinator
Fizz Boom Read in Kittitas
Summer Reading Program 2014
Gilmour Memorial Library

The 2014 Summer Reading Program began June 25 and went through July 30, six consecutive Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Fifteen children between the ages of 2 to 11 were registered in the Summer Reading Program. In all, the children read 75 books during the 6-week program. The children had a great time, created exceptional crafts, and received a free book at the conclusion of the program.

Each Wednesday program included a little something to do with science, the theme for the Fizz, Boom, Read program in 2014. We blew up balloons with vinegar and baking soda, searched for bugs in the park, made bird feeders, painted birdhouses, and made robots from recycled material. We read books, played games, and ate snacks. And, of course, we had a pizza party and awards ceremony on the final Wednesday, complete with a water balloon toss. We even entered our robots in the County Fair and earned ribbons.

Our budget through City funding for 2014 was $400 and we spent $349.76. We also applied for and received a charitable grant from Legends Casino and spent an additional $476.90 of the grant on the Summer Reading Program activities, books to enhance the program, and storage for supplies that can be used in subsequent years.

Behind the scenes is the rest of the story. It was late, late in the planning cycle before someone volunteered to lead the Summer Reading Program, and that person had no experience and little background information from previous years to rely upon. What happened to save the day is that 10 community members in total volunteered to put on Wednesday programs, take care of refreshments, and interact with the children and parents. We could not have pulled the program together without these excellent volunteers.

Past enrollment suggested attendance at each Wednesday program would be about 25 to 30 children. The day care that provided about half of that number went out of business not long before our Summer Reading Program commenced. Because planning was late in commencing, publicity suffered. The timeframe of 1:30 to 3:00 pm had worked well the year before, but the free lunch in the park ended well before the start of Wednesday programs and people did not want to hang around in the heat between the two events. These are all things that we can and will work on in 2015 to improve the Library’s service to the children of the community.
October 21, 2014

Dear Commissioners Berndt, Jewell, and O’Brien:

The Roslyn Library’s 2015 budget, not including grants and community donations, is projected to be $61,500.00. We propose a county contract for library services in the amount of $19,680 for fiscal year 2015, which represents 32% of the base budget. The table below shows the current percentage of cardholders who are county residents, and the accompanying percentage of the budget being requested from the Board of County Commissioners.

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<td>Roslyn Library Cardholders</td>
<td>1,101</td>
<td>357</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>2015 Budget Proposal</td>
<td>$61,500</td>
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Use of the library by county residents continues to rise. In fact, the number of county cardholders increased twice as much as the number of city cardholders.

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<th>Total Cardholders</th>
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<td>12/31/2013</td>
<td>306</td>
<td>516</td>
<td>989</td>
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<td>9/30/2014</td>
<td>356</td>
<td>555</td>
<td>1091</td>
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<td>Change</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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And the number of county children participating in the Summer Reading Program is growing too. Four percent more county children signed up for the program this year than last.

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<td>2013</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>93</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>29%</td>
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Thanks to the Board of County Commissioners financial support of the Summer Reading Program, we were able to contract with an activity coordinator who presented science-based programs and experiments every week during the program. They were very well-attended and popular. The children who participated learned about science in a hands-on, interactive way. The table below summarizes the Roslyn Library’s Summer Reading Program participation. I hope to reevaluate this program in the coming year to a program that rewards all levels of participation, rather than focusing on the number of hours children read. Every child is different, but every child benefits from this important program.

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<td>93</td>
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<td>Readers</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>52</td>
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<td>Programs</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Participants</td>
<td>376</td>
<td>400</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reading Hours</td>
<td>1024</td>
<td>784</td>
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Like Kittitas County and just about any other private or public enterprise, the Roslyn Library has a variety of sources of funding and support. We are proud of our success at seeking and utilizing alternate sources of support. The chart below is meant to show you the actual cost of providing the materials and services the Roslyn Library offers, and how the county’s funding fits into that effort.

![2014 Sources of Support for Library](chart.png)

2014 Sources of Support for Library
Total $84,308

- City of Roslyn
- Kittitas County
- Community Donations
- Grants
- Volunteer Labor

Thank you for your ongoing support of our county’s public libraries and for considering the Roslyn Library’s request of $19,680 for fiscal year 2015.

Sincerely,
Erin Krake, Librarian
Kittitas County Regional Library Board
November 20, 2013
Ellensburg Public Library
Notes

Due to a lack of quorum, there are no official minutes from this meeting. Instead, this document is a summary of the meeting.

Diane Huckabay, Melanie Jones and Erin Krake from the regional library board were present, plus Carolyn Peterson from the Washington State Library and Joan Neslund and Regina from the Ellensburg Library.

Carolyn Peterson explained that the state library’s “Maintenance of Effort” matching funding for federal funds may be gone in 2014. But, she can use state funds to serve as a grant writer to help us procure grant money for special collaborative projects. She asked what our needs are and what she should look for. She told us that the Paul Allen Foundation has funding for up to $100,000. The current focus is on reaching out to communities through innovative uses of technology. That focus may change for 2014, and she won’t know until January. There is also a $500 Connecting Libraries grant for collaborative efforts through the state library. We explained our effort to combine our catalogs and eventually establish courier services among the libraries. The state library is looking at using Koha, an open source based ILS for some libraries in the state, and we may be able to get in on that effort in 2014. She will let us know about Paul Allen’s focus next year, too.

After Carolyn left, the group discussed the One Book One County program. Debby said her vote was for “The Grape Thief” and that one of her library board members has multiple copies for us to use. Melanie, Diane, and Erin agreed to choose that title. Erin said she would ask for a “vote” on it through email, so that we can begin promoting and planning for the program before our next meeting.

Melanie reported that the Community Health Library has replaced a more academic database with a more consumer-oriented one called Ebsco Consumer Health Complete.

Diane reported that the Genealogy Library has offered some popular programs, including beginning genealogy and using the census databases. They plan to do an advanced genealogy class soon.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15th at 9:00 am at the Community Health Library.
Kittitas County Regional Library Board
January 15, 2014
Community Health Library
Minutes

I. Call to Order
Chair Debby DeSoer called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Debby, Melanie Jones, Katia Merkel, Jane Agar, and Erin Krake were present. There were two changes made to the agenda: the address at the heading was wrong and was changed to the Community Health Library, and the date for the next meeting was wrong and was changed to April 16th.

II. Notes from November, 2013
Erin moved to have the notes from the November meeting placed on file. Jane seconded, and the motion passed.

III. Committee / Projects Reports
    Jerry Williams Trust Report
    Debby reminded the group that it was each member’s responsibility to monitor this report online, since it is no longer printed for us. She will resend the link to the report.

IV. Old Business
    County Read discussion – Mary Michener has donated two copies of the Grape Thief
    Debby distributed the two books donated by Mary Michener to Roslyn and Cle Elum libraries. Michener also donated a T-shirt. Katia reported that all of the 8th graders at the Cle Elum Roslyn School District are required to read the book, and she will see if the school will let the Upper County libraries use some of the school’s multiple copies instead of having to purchase more. Ellensburg Library will purchase its own copies. Erin attempted to contact the author about an appearance, both personally and through her publisher, but did not get any reply. Katia said the school’s Parent Action Council may be able to help pay for author fees, up to $500. Erin will create a flyer for all of the libraries to use for promoting the program and will write and submit a press release to the local press. Debby will contact local book clubs and book stores. Copies will be available at Jerrol’s and Pearl Street Books.

    ILS/WMS Discussion
    Debby reported that her library board is excited about the idea of a shared catalog, but they are moving toward staying with Sirsi/Dynix. The downside is the expense, but the Ellensburg Library has used this vendor since 1995 and is happy with their customer service. Debby will get a “soft” quote from them. Erin shared the estimate she got from Bywater /
KOHA. The CWU Library is also migrating to a new system in December, and they are interested in the idea of a shared catalog. Debby asked the group to visit and compare the catalogs of the Ellensburg Library (Sirsi/Dynix), the Lopez Island Library (Bywater/Koha), the Burlington Library (Koha alone), and Bonner’s Ferry Library (World Management from OCLC).

V. New Business

Election of Officers
Katia moved to elect Lynette from the Kittitas Library as Chairperson and Jane from the Carpenter Library as Secretary for 2014, Erin seconded, and the motion passed.

Donation from Annette Williams to the Trust fund
Debby reported that Jerry Williams’ wife, Annette, made a $5,000 donation to the Jerry Williams Trust Fund. All four libraries can now purchase a book every year. Annette suggested large type books. Debby sent a thank you note, and the Ellensburg Library is also inscribing a bench with his name for their outdoor labyrinth.

Request from Ellensburg to modify procedure on reciprocal borrowing
The Ellensburg Library requested that we no longer have to check on a person’s library card status from their home library, but to be able to issue cards immediately. This will enable better customer service. The group agreed, and the policy does not need to be modified.

Summer Reading Program Funding
Debby reported that the three smaller libraries should invoice the county, through Judy Pless at the Auditor’s office, for their Summer Reading Program funds and should keep receipts.

VI. Announcements and Member Reports

Cle Elum
Katia has been reorganizing and refreshing the juvenile materials and area of the library. This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the Carpenter Library. The City, County and State are being asked to make proclamations. A new Friends group is being organized.

Ellensburg
The Board and staff are planning and sharing their goals, including fundraising for a new elevator and HVAC system for the basement, and a community survey. ECTV has moved its equipment and headquarters from CWU to Hal Holmes. They are going to be offering classes on shooting video and editing in the future. They have all new equipment. Some people are signed up and using the IT academy, but they need to get the word out. The Washington Library Now app is live, where people can
download an app that gives them access to the library’s catalog from their mobile device. It also has a good QR scanner component that can be used to read all QR codes.

Kittitas
Absent.

Roslyn
The library assistant position was eliminated for 2014 and the library is no longer open on Sundays.

Genealogy
Absent.

Health
Melanie asked about security and safety options. Jane says she has a panic button and pepper spray. She is trying to get the word out to the public about the resources available at the health library, and she would like the Health Library to be included in the Ellensburg Library’s community survey to help find out how.

VII. Meetings are 3rd Wednesdays of January, April, August and November, 9 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 9:00 am
Location: Kittitas Library

VIII. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.
I. Call to Order
Acting Chair Debby DeSoer called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Debby, Katia Merkel, Diane Huckabay, Melanie Jones, Erin Krake and Jane Agar were present. No changes were made to the agenda.

II. Minutes from January
Erin moved to have the notes passed and Jane seconded, the motion passed.

III. Committee/Project Reports
Jerry Williams Trust Report
It was noted that the interest on the funds in the account was nominal. Mrs. Williams most likely deposited her latest contribution after this interest was accrued. We discussed moving the funds to a higher yielding account, but feel the county is not likely to let the funds move from their coffers. All libraries should purchase a book from Jerrol’s in 2014 and charge it to county/Williams account. Large print books were suggested as per Mrs. Williams. Some are having difficulty accessing the link to the trust fund, Debby will resend the link.

ILS/WMS update was moved further into the agenda

IV. Old Business
County Read Debrief/Discussion
All libraries represented at this meeting claimed it was a success. EPL had 15+/- show up for discussion of the book. Many patrons asked about joining a book club (EPL has many book blubs). Deb sends interested parties to Pearl’s Books for further information. Annual book club tea hosted by FOL is 4/21 @ 7 p.m., all invited. A Yakima author will be speaking at the EPL next month. EPL has book club sets available for check-out. This information can be seen on their website under the tab collections. We agreed that book clubs have different cultures/tastes in their choices of chosen material. RPL has 5-10 people that show up for their book club discussions. County read in Roslyn hosted speaker/historian Dave Browitt. He had a discussion of 1925 history (contrasting the book which highlighted the era in historical fiction format) and displayed library photo’s. CML co-hosted an event held at the Carpenter House Museum. Scott Templin (curator at the Roslyn Historical Museum) presented historical news items with an emphasis on the Ronald prohibition era still explosion. Both Upper County events hosted 35+/- visitors. Being proactive we began our discussion for the 2015 event. Initially we chose “The Orchardist” by Amanda Coplin; further discussion put this decision on hold. We would like to have a local story and perhaps an author representing the work.
Currently we are thinking of “The Orchardist” by Amanda Coplin (have an orchardist, arborist present), “Blood Pressure” by Marc Brodine or “Wild” by Cheryl Strayed. The sooner we decide the sooner we can let the public know and the reading can begin. Erin will write an article to the local paper (once the book is chosen?) and Deb will once again try to contact Amanda Coplin.

ILS/WMS
Deb sent out figures for SirsiDynix/Horizon. They would give the 3 new libraries to the system a discount for 3 years, the 3rd year there would be a 4% increase. Pricing by size would make the cost as follows: $3931.00 for Cle Elum, $2694.00 for Roslyn and $655.00 for Kittitas. It took Deb 18 months for the retrospective of the library when she was in Cle Elum. It may be a good idea to hold off on Kittitas for the time being due to work load (general consensus; however no representative from KPL was available at the time). EPL pays $17,000.00/year for this and another $1600.00 for OCLC/WorldCat. If the other libraries wanted OCLC this would be an additional charge. OCLC lets patrons see other OCLC member library holdings. Reality of county wide ILS – ask county for future dollars? Let them know how we are working together towards the future. Thoughts to consider: RPL needs the change a.s.a.p. CML uses Concourse – is there a local server, or is it remote/cloud based? CE/R school district should be notified of this potential change as Concourse is their current server. Katia will relay this new change to the district. Deb suggested we check the latest Library Journal for an article on ILS’s, check ProQuest (Deb will send us that link, too). We agreed to move forward with the work in making the switch to SirsiDynix – this change will become effective in January 2015.

Officers
Lynnette feels that with only 15 hours/week at the KPL she doesn’t want to take on the KRLB chair position. Deb will take on the Chair duties and Jane will take secretarial duties. Approved and concurred.

V. New Business
We tabled the first 2 items (games for check-out and overdue fines).
Summer Reading Program (SRP) – Upper County will not use the entertainer that EPL is using. Upper County is still working on hiring someone who will do the program at both libraries. Erin and Jane are consulting on this

Microsoft IT Academy
EPL & RPL are happy with this program. CML is still working on the kinks to get the program going. A range of free programs are available.

Ready to Read
RPL has swag bags available to library newcomers (as in new borns/ and new users). KVH has given them out sparsely. Perhaps the Upper County clinics can give out these bags and rename them upper county libraries?
VI. Announcements and Member Reports

Cle Elum
Due to current circumstances, new safety protocol has been initiated. Suggested we all be more diligent with the current state of affairs! FOL has been doing a great job with the 6 O’clock speaker series. April’s event will be held on Friday, April 25 (HB EK) at 6 p.m. This event will be co-sponsored by both Upper County libraries and the Carpenter House Museum. It will be a scheduled poetry reading event read by local “poets”, 3 high school musicians will accompany the readers. Celebrating April’s National Poetry Month we also sponsored 2 student poetry workshops. Prizes will be given for the best student poetry at the end of the month! Celebrating 100 years all of 2014!

Ellensburg
Large historic photo’s on display on walls in circulation area. Poetry night will be held on the 18th at 7 p.m. – celebrating the works of Ogden Nash. WA gadget Menagerie will visit on 4/22-23. Open to the public 4/22 7-9 p.m. and staff training will be on 4/23 from 11-2. Training “Leading without Authority May 15th from 9-3. All library staff welcome. EPL is applying for a digital literacy grant.

Kittitas
Absent (but thanks for hosting and we are especially thankful for the homemade Holiday cookies and coffee!)

Roslyn
Humanities lecture co-sponsored by OYEZ! Roslyn and RPL featuring John Marshall And eastside forests/fires - 4/18. Humphrey fellows will visit on 4/22 beginning at 4:30. RPL. April is Poetry month, May is SRP organizing. Renovation of the bldg. is moving along, clean-up dates are June 16-17, followed by a basketball game!

KVH
WA medical librarian conference will be held in E’brg. Grants, Visualization of data And copyright classes are a few of what will be offered. All are invited. Held at Hal Holmes (yipes! I missed the dates! July??). Panel discussions and guest speakers will attend.

Genealogy
Meeting on May 5 will feature “Russians in Yakima”. A trip to N.CA to the digital Archives. State meeting in Arlington, August 16-17.

Next quarterly meeting will be held on August 20th, 9 a.m. KVH Library.

Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.
Kittitas County Regional Library Board Meeting
August 20, 2014
KVH Library
Minutes

I. Call to Order
Chair Debby DeSoer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Debby DeSoer, Erin Krake, Katia Merkel, Melanie Jones, Diane Huckabay and Jane Agar were present. No changes were made to the agenda.

II. Minutes from April
Erin moved and Melanie seconded, the motion passed

III. Committee /Project Reports

   ILS Project Report
   Deb reported that she had a 45 minute consult with the SirsiDynix salesperson firming up some numbers (~$33K). After the first year it should be ~$25K. These figures are not final. Deb will share those with the group when available. EPL attorney advised Deb that since she wasn't switching companies she did not have to put it out to bid. Kittitas wants to be part of this consortium, but does not have the funds. Deb asked the sales person to throw them in for free - they are considering this. Kittitas is currently entering items into a database. We are all hoping for an easy transition. Deb had opportunity to speak with County Commissioner Paul Jewell and she told him that the KRLB will ask for funding above normal so that we can create this county ILS. The county seems to be doing well financially however the State is rescinding some monies at both the County and City levels. Katia contacted the CER schools to let them know we were switching ILS, keeping them in the loop and has not gotten any feedback. The elementary school librarian position is currently vacant and we all hope the new librarian will have a close relationship with the city libraries. Melanie is working on a grant with the National Network of Medical Libraries and was thinking of asking for a courier. We see this ILS transition in phases, the courier project is still a bit off and we see that as phase 3. The grant will go to good use wherever it falls! When the courier service becomes a reality we are thinking of asking Hope Source. We're guessing transfer of a banker's box of books 1x/week? The Daily Record interviewed Melanie giving some exposure
to the wonderful KVH library. Deb got a copy of the Burlington/LaConnor interlibrary agreement. The Ellensburg attorney will review and write a version for Kittitas County Libraries. Deb will share the agreement from Burlington. With SirsiDynix we can each have our own homepage. They will provide a template for the webpage. Live guides are easy to use. Cataloguing, acquisition training is available. Carol (EPL) will most likely take the training and then share her wisdom with us. This is all new, still in the early stages we don’t know what all needs to be done, but the foundation is set. This will be an evolutionary process. SirsiDynix has a 5 year commitment. Implementation will be highest in the first year. After that the cost will drop then add 2.9% increase annually. We need to figure how to count for WA anytime library which we all share. Do we want WA anytime library to be part of the homepage?

County Read Report
Mary Michener suggested "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel Brown. Katia will contact the author. The book is available in hardback, paperback and Kindle forms. We would want him to visit in March. Early promotion is best. Erin will draft an announcement to send to the book clubs. Pearl Books in E'brg has a list of local book clubs.

IV. New Business
We voted to strike Games for check-out from the agenda. EPL is currently researching the pros and cons of overdue fines. Checkout from libraries needs card from that individual library. Melanie (KVH) should be able to issue EPL cards as KVH is a branch of EPL. Once this gets going we need to encourage patrons to get a card in each library. We need a champion to pursue a library district!

Budget
Start budget cover letter, due “soon”. Three smaller libraries will request $500/each for 2015 SRP. Put a reporting piece of 2014 SRP in cover letter. We plan on asking for contributing funds for the ILS project (amount TBD).

V. Announcements and Member Reports

Cle Elum
This year, 2014, the library celebrates 100 years in business. We held a pie and ice cream celebration at the Carpenter House Museum. We have a new
book club and a 6 o’clock speaker series night. With a new FOL we have renewed interest in programming here. Jane is looking into computer timer programs and Deb said EPL uses Envisionware.

Roslyn
SRP went well. The roof was recently replaced. A rural heritage grant was acquired and Erin hopes Sue and Scott from the Roslyn Museum can work on it independently.

Ellensburg
The library received a digital literacy grant from LSTA funds. January Classes for the Spanish speaking community (child care provided). When applying for Gates digital literacy no CEPA compliance required. Joan will do most of the training. This will replace most of the lab laptops (outdated) with tablets.

Genealogy
Diane will be doing a presentation at the WALE this October. This presentation will cover how libraries can help their patrons doing genealogy research. Maybe Diane can be a presenter at CML’s 6 o’clock series speaker winter 2015? There will be a genealogy conference in Ellensburg June 2015.

Health Library (KVH)
The Medical Library Conference held in Ellensburg this past July went well. They held a grant writing workshop with only 3 attendees so these people got special attention. Melanie has switched departments and is now in Staff Development which is a more natural fit for the work that she does.

We decided to have all future meetings at the KVH library. Next meeting will be November 19, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m.