

Board Packet

5.16.24 Board Meeting

**Community Library Network
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Hayden Library Meeting Room & Teams
2:00pm – 5:30pm
We Empower Discovery**

Agenda

1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm
2. Roll Call Trustees: Tom Hanley, Rachele Ottosen, Tim Plass, Vanessa Robinson
 Treasurer: Julie Saad (arrived at 3:24 pm)
 Staff: Alexa Eccles (virtual through MS Teams), Michelle Fansler, Lindsey Miller-
 Escarfuller, Janelle Sells (virtual through MS Teams)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment (30 minutes)

Speakers must state name and community and speak for no more than 3 minutes. Persons addressing the Board are expected to observe a level of civility and decorum appropriate for a public meeting. No personal attacks or disruptions from audience members will be tolerated.

- Suzanne Kearney, Post Falls – mentioned the Governor signed HB710.
- Marianna Cochran, Rathdrum – mentioned the Governor signed HB710.
- Michelle Lippert, Post Falls – addressed performance of the board.
- Heather Greenman, Post Falls - discussed Native American heritage.
- Pat Raffee, Post Falls – Highlighted the importance of unrestricted access to information.

5. Consent Agenda: Action Item (5 minutes)

- Minutes of the Regular meeting: March 21, 2024
- Minutes of the Special meeting: March 6, 2024, and March 28, 2024
- CIN meeting minutes: February 21, 2024
- CIN financial statements: February 2024

Robinson moved to accept the consent agenda as amended.
M, C – Robinson

6. Community Library Network (CLN) March 2024 financial statements: Action item (5 minutes)

Robinson moved to accept the Community Library Network March 2024 Financial Statements.
M, C – Robinson

7. Discussion of Community Library Network March 2024 carryforward balance analysis (5 minutes)

- No action taken.

8. Circulation Statistics: March 2024 (5 minutes)

- Consensus reached to add current card holders on the Circulation Statistics report.

9. Director's Report (15 minutes)

- Eccles report attached.

10. Board Resolution to transfer funds from CARRF to pay invoice for Hayden roof: Action item (5 Minutes)

Hanley moved that the board approve Resolution CLN 4.18.2024-1 Transfer Reserved Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Hayden Library Roofing Project. Plass withdrew an amendment of where the money will be transferred to.

M, C – Hanley

11. Personnel Policy Holidays 5.3.6 Implementation date: Action item (5 minutes)

Ottosen asked the board to approve Holidays 5.3.6 as amended starting October 1, 2024. Hanley said, "so moved." Eccles clarified the Personnel Policy Manual 5.3.6 Holidays will be updated with the changes and "Revised and Board Approved 4-18-24 starting 10-1-24."

M, C – Hanley; Robinson opposed

12. Discussion of Materials and Withdrawal Policies: Action Item (20 Minutes)

a. Staff Hybrid Materials Policy

Plass moved that the board remove the staff hybrid policy from consideration.

M, C – Plass; Robinson opposed

b. Materials Selection and Acquisition Policy

c. Materials Withdrawal & Reconsideration Policy

- Last possible date to be approved to be legally compliant is June 20, 2024, so it can be implemented by July 1, 2024. Unanimous consent for the staff to produce the form to match Idaho law HB710. Miller-Escarfuller asked for clarification in order to implement. No further instructions given.

13. Break (15 minutes)

14. Discussion on delivery of legal reports: Action item (15 minutes)

Plass moved to ask legal to give written reports and when appropriate use executive session. Plass added an amendment at the front, When a legal review is requested ask legal to give written reports and when appropriate use executive session. Plass called the question.

M, C – Plass - whether to add the amendment; Robinson opposed

M, F – Plass; Ottosen, Robinson opposed

15. Discussion on Periodic Acquisition Reports and cost of customized program: Action item (15 minutes)

- Board consensus reached to receive this report electronically going forward. Eccles will make a request from KOHA to ask if all locations can be run at once and add audience.

16. Discussion on minute taking: Action Item (20 minutes)

Ottosen moved starting today minutes are taken according to the IcFL trustee manual with a few dry main facts supporting why something was done. Board consensus reached to keep public comments names and a subject or short phrase.

M, C – Ottosen

17. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2024: Action item (5 minutes)

Robinson moved to accept the board of trustees regular meeting minutes Thursday, February 15, 2024. Remove the word "Amended." Consensus reached.

M, C – Robinson

18. Discussion on balanced Budget draft from staff: Action item (15 minutes)

Ottosen moved that staff deliver an initial budget draft that is balanced to the best of their professional knowledge and ability. Plass made an amendment for staff to include a supplemental list of wants that did not make it in the budget. Robinson called the question.

M, C – Robinson – called the question

M, C – Plass – amendment; Robinson opposed

Robinson made an amendment to add, "knowing that -1-2% might be taken away for fiscal year 2025" then withdrew it after another trustee said going negative will not happen.

Ottosen repeated the main motion with Plass' amendment that staff deliver an initial budget draft that is balanced to the best of their professional knowledge and ability with a supplemental list of wants.

M, C – Ottosen

19. Athol and Post Falls Facilities update: Action item (10 minutes)

- Eccles already addressed this topic in the Director's Report.

20. Response to Public Comment (5 minutes)

- Trustees discussed floating holidays in response to public comments at March meeting.

21. Discussion of future agenda requests (The board will decide via consensus whether these items will be moved to a future agenda) (5 minutes)

- Future Agenda requests:
 - Making an insurance RFP/RFQ
 - Budget hearing dates
 - Media policy (non-mainstream media)
- Agenda requests for Special Meeting May 6, 2024, 2-5:30 pm: Consensus reached

- COVID Policy and Director’s authorization
- ICRMP decision
- Public Comment Policy
- Agenda setup
- Materials and Selection Withdrawal Policy
- Future Agenda Items (parking lot)

22. Set Special and regular meeting dates: Action item (5 minutes)

- Budget Public Hearing scheduled for August 8, 2024, at 6 pm. Consensus reached.
- Budget Special Meeting for May 30, 2024, 3-5 pm. Consensus reached.
- Zoom meeting with IcFL May 3, 2024, 9-11 am
- Special Meeting on May 6, 2024, 2-5:30 pm

23. Adjournment: Action item at 5:25 pm

Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting.
M, C – Robinson

Respectfully submitted,
Alexa Eccles, Michelle Fansler

Calendar of Events:

Regular Meeting: May 16, 2024, 2:00-5:30pm, Rathdrum Library

Special Meeting - Budget: May 30, 2024, 3:00-5:00pm, Hayden Library

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Community Library Network
SPECIAL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
THURSDAY, January 11, 2023
POST FALLS LIBRARY

2:00-5:00PM

We Empower Discovery

Agenda

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

Roll Call Trustees: Katie Blank, Tom Hanley, Rachele Ottosen, Tim Plass, Vanessa Robinson
Staff: Alexa Eccles, Lindsey Miller-Escarfuller, Janelle Sells
General Counsel: Colton Boyles

Discussion of Materials Selection Policy: Action Item *(60 minutes)*

- Continued discussion of Objective and Scope of Policy beginning with the last sentence of the paragraph. Boyles noted the sentence was unusual but not prohibitive. By consensus, the final sentence was removed. Plass suggested changing the first sentence to "This policy pertains to the selection for the library's collection and new acquisition and purchases of books and materials" and strike "regardless if previously acquired". Hanley suggests "regardless if previously acquired unless the book was stolen or damaged".
- Selection Process, last bullet point.
 - The term appropriateness is very vague. Boyles noted the "appropriateness" now has a definition as harmful to minors but could be applied to all library materials, including materials for adults. Ottosen suggested "For purposes of this criteria, related to the library's non-adult collections,..." Boyles stated the "harmful to minors" definition should be consistent throughout policies. The language, "In the opinion of the Board or Library staff", could be problematic and create conflict. Boyles stated the policy should have one decision maker and one set of guidelines that align with Idaho Code. (I recommend including this statement) Plass noted this policy is for purchasing and does not see why it must align with Idaho Code. Blank and Robinson are not in favor of the last bullet point. The majority agrees with the change suggested by Ottosen. Eccles suggested "Suitability of subject and style for age of intended library users." The final bullet point will not be changed at this time.
 - Discussion held regarding the definition under Nudity and if there should be an "and" instead of "or" in between (B) and (C). Boyles noted "or" is fine.
 - Plass suggested changing the title of the policy to Materials Selection and Acquisition Policy. A consensus was reached to change the title of the policy.

Discussion of Materials Withdrawal and Reconsideration Policy: Action Item *(60 minutes)*

- Continued discussion of the last two bullet points in the Disposition of Materials section.
- Plass would like to change the definition listed in the Materials Inappropriate for Minors to read "...shall be removed from the non-adult collection." Blank is concerned with having two different definitions for "harmful to minors" in two different policies. Plass moved to consider the Materials

Withdrawal and Reconsideration Policy sequentially for approval. Robinson called the previous question.

Motion to stop debate.

M, Failed – Robinson; Ottosen, Hanley, and Plass opposed

- Policy reviewed from the beginning.
 - No change to the title of the policy.
 - Second sentence of introductory paragraph to read “Materials are defined in the Materials Selection and Acquisition Policy.”
 - Withdrawal of Materials (Weeding) section
 - No objections to first paragraph
 - Plass stated “community relevance” is vague and suggests “adheres to community local standards”. Eccles noted that “community relevance” is part of the CREW method for deselection. Ottosen views “community relevance” and “community standards” are two different things. Eccles read from the CREW Method text defining “community relevance”. No change to last bullet point.
 - Materials Inappropriate for Minors
 - Notwithstanding Idaho Code 18:1517(d) means regardless of the affirmative defense for librarians, materials that violate Idaho Codes 18:1513, 18:1514, and 18:1515 will be moved or removed.

Discussion on Director Evaluation Policy: Action Item *(40 minutes)*

- Ottosen restated the motion on the floor and discussion continued reviewing the policy.
 - Fifth sentence under the Process section
 - Eccles suggested adding “Board chair may submit the...” A consensus was reached for this change.
 - Sixth sentence under the Process section
 - Blank noted Idaho Code regarding evaluation of a director. Plass suggested “The full Board, or if not possible, the board chairman, meets in Executive Session with the Director to present and discuss the completed evaluation.” Hanley suggested removing “full”. Blank asked for something regarding goal setting. Eccles noted there should be discussion about compensation. Plass suggested moving goal setting and compensation discussion to the Evaluation Schedule section. A consensus was reached for the suggested changes.
 - Seventh sentence under Process section
 - Remove “See if there’s anything in the contract”.
 - Boyles noted that the Director is considered an employee and the Personnel Policy applies to the Director. This policy, Library Director: Performance Evaluation Policy should be consistent with the Personnel Policy.

Insurance Update: Action Item *(10 minutes)*

- Eccles did not have any information to add. She has not received any proposals to date.

Discussion of future agenda requests (the board will decide via consensus whether these items will be moved to a future agenda) *(5 minutes)*

- Hanley would like to have time to review the staff’s proposal for the Materials Selection policy. A consensus was reached to add this discussion to another meeting.
- Hanley would like a discussion about receiving periodic materials acquisition reports. A consensus was reached for this discussion to be added to another meeting.

Set Special and Regular Meeting Date(s): *Action Item(s) (5 minutes)*

- Ottosen would like to extend the next three months of regular meetings to 3.50 hours. A consensus was reached to have the next three months regular meetings will be from 2:00 to 5:30 pm. The January 18, 2024, meeting will be at Post Falls.

Adjournment: *Action Item*

Blank moved to adjourn at 4:56 pm

M, C – Blank

Respectfully submitted,
Alexa Eccles, Janelle Sells

Calendar of events:

18 Jan 2024	Regular Meeting	2:00 – 5:00	Hayden
15 Feb 2024	Regular Meeting	2:00 – 5:00	Post Falls
21 Mar 2024	Regular Meeting	2:00 – 5:00	Hayden

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Community Library Network
SPECIAL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
THURSDAY, February 1, 2024
POST FALLS LIBRARY

2:45-4:45PM

We Empower Discovery

Agenda

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm

Roll Call Trustees: Katie Blank, Tom Hanley, Rachelle Ottosen, Tim Plass, Vanessa Robinson
Treasurer: Julie Saad (arrived at 3:05 pm)
Staff: Alexa Eccles, Lindsey Miller-Escarfuller, Janelle Sells
General Counsel: Colton Boyles

Discussion to review Insurance Policy Options, or Authorize Engagement of Insurance Carrier: Action item (60 minutes)

- Ottosen spoke about the current policy. She noted that employment insurance is lacking and the ICRMP policy premiums can be partially reimbursed. Plass displayed the letter from ICRMP noting the coverage reductions. Blank asked if the Great American policy covered the reductions from ICRMP. Eccles noted that ICRMP broke out coverage per facility and the proposed policies do not. She noted that Great American does have employment coverage. The reduction in out of state auto coverage through ICRMP is minimal and has little impact to the District. Eccles noted the largest gap from ICRMP is no coverage for materials that may be considered harmful to minors. Hanley stated the board will not cover in harmful to minor policies. Robinson asked if there are any issues stopping coverage in the middle of a claim. Eccles noted the full amount of water damage has not been evaluated. Hanley stated that the insurance discussion does not relate to the current claim. Eccles said each of the quotes contain fine print and insurance companies ask for disclosures for possible future litigation and employment changes. She stated that changing insurance policies now is unusual as it is (consider adding to make sentence clearer?) not at mid-year or not even at policy renewal. The new premium quotes are almost double what is currently paid for insurance policies. Blank asked where it is stated that ICRMP will reimburse premiums if the policy is cancelled. Ottosen noted the section of the policy that discussed policy reimbursement. Plass stated the new insurance policy would not be doubling current coverage. The proposal presented by Redman Insurance for coverage through Wright Specialty Insurance does not include a detailed description of coverage. Eccles noted the quote expired at 12:01 am on February 1, 2024. Plass noted he will not walk away from the policy and that two trustees tried to call the meeting prior to February 1, 2024. Eccles stated that Great American insurance coverage is separate. Eccles requested additional information from Redman and has not received a reply. Ottosen stated she asked Redman Insurance if they could extend the quote timeline. Eccles stated in the Financial Management Policy she has contracting authority. Hanley is concerned about library policies needing to be approved by ICRMP and he does not want to be beholden to ICRMP when updating library policies. Blank is concerned about the limited information available in order to

move forward on any action. Plass moved to approve and authorize the Director to engage the policy from Redman Insurance. Ottosen moved substitute the Plass motion to bind the Redman quotes to today minus the stand alone EPLI and after verification is received that we have secured said insurance, the Director electronically sends proper cancellation notice to ICRMP. Blank asked which policy is the EPLI policy. EPLI stands for Employment Practices Liability Insurance. Eccles stated that it is unclear which policy is not being considered as EPLI in the motion. Eccles provided a table packet sheet describing budget constraints related to changing insurance policies and the significant deductible increases. Plass amended the motion to remove the word "minus the stand alone EPLI" from the Ottosen motion. Eccles stated that the Kinsale policy has terminology "non admitted" and is a stand-alone policy.

Plass amendment to the motion.

Motion Failed - Plass

Blank – Opposed

Plass – Aye

Hanley – Aye

Robinson – Opposed

Ottosen – Opposed

Robinson called the question – approved

Motion on original Ottosen motion

Motion Failed – Ottosen

Blank – Opposed

Plass – Aye

Robinson – Opposed

Hanley – Opposed

Authorization to expend emergency carryforward funds: Action item *(15 minutes)*

- Eccles noted that Legal and Professional expenditures are expected to be over budget for the year. Insurance costs will be over budget as well. Eccles wants clarification if these budget overruns will come from general operations or from carryforward. Eccles also noted recent legislation that has provided additional income to the District. Hanley is more in favor of reducing funds for materials. Eccles stated there are unplanned expenses anticipated in this budget cycle.

Community Library staff layoff, reduction in force: Action item *(30 minutes)*

- Ottosen believes the decision should be with the Director. Plass does not understand why the damaged libraries need to be closed. Eccles stated that thousands of gallons of water were dumped on library materials. Mold is a huge risk. Carpet and drywall will need to be removed from both buildings. Reconstruction creates an unsafe area for staff and the public. Eccles noted the Administration has been working to find solutions to not lay off staff. There is no business interruption coverage to pay staff. Hanley wants to know what the Director is proposing. Plass has no intention of reducing the workforce to pay for other line-item overruns. He said if there is no meaningful work for staff, then a short, temporary layoff may be needed. Eccles stated final estimates of the damage are not available and reconstruction will take time. She is requesting from the Board a commitment that expenditure overruns will not reduce the salary expenditure lines in order to make a decision about staffing. She would like to have legal counsel advice before making a staffing decision. Hanley is not in favor of a reduction in force unless there is a true lack of work. He said the furlough or temporary layoffs may be

necessary. Robinson believes the Director will make the right decision and is opposed removing positions permanently. Plass encouraged the staff to seek options to reopen the libraries sooner.

Athol and Post Falls facilities update and tour of Post Falls Library Storm Damage (15 minutes)

- Eccles noted the Athol water damage impacted furnishing more than the collections. The Post Falls library sprinklers broke on January 14, 2024, and the break at Athol was on January 16, 2024.

Adjournment: *Action Item*

Blank moved to adjourn at 4:38 pm

M, C - Blank

Respectfully Submitted,
Alexa Eccles, Janelle Sells

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21 Mar 2024	Regular Meeting	2:00 – 5:30	Hayden

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Community Library Network
SPECIAL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2024
HAYDEN LIBRARY – Meeting Room

3:00-4:00PM

We Empower Discovery

Agenda

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Roll Call Trustees: Tom Hanley, Rachelle Ottosen, Tim Plass, Vanessa Robinson
Staff: Alexa Eccles, Lindsey Miller-Escarfuller
General counsel: Colton Boyles

Legal Report: Colton Boyles (*10 minutes*)

- Financial Management Policy - Contracting authority for Insurance
 - Boyles reviewed Idaho Code Title 33 Chapter 2720 (g): Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees and the Financial Management Policy. The district has authority to enter into contracts and delegate to the library director to contract. It is not clear based on statute and policy who runs point. Typically, the director gathers quotes, and the board approves. Boyles recommended tweaking the Financial Management Policy by adding "Director shall gather quotes and proceed." Eccles recommended updating the Financial Management Policy to include RFQ process and objective evaluation criteria. Plass stated CLN is under insured and has been since October 1. Plass requested Eccles get three quotes. Eccles stated the board is responsible for financial oversight and authority to spend the budget belongs to the director. There is a 40-year history of authority belonging to the director. Robinson asked if the board is responsible for setting the budget and the director is responsible for dispersing the funds. Boyles stated Idaho Code gives power and duty to ensure real and personal property to the board. He recommends the board provide the budget, direct the director, review bids, and approve or deny recommendations. Plass asked for a majority consensus to ask director to get quotes now. Unclear if consensus reached.
- Insurance policies - coverage analysis
 - No discussion
- Insurance Contract review
 - No discussion
- 33-2720 Powers and Duties of the Board – Establish policies for the operation and use of the library or libraries under its control
 - No discussion
- Questions

- No discussion

Discussion to review Post Falls and Athol Library, Continuity of Operations plans: *Action item (40 minutes)*

- Hanley read from a statement describing updates provided to the board by the director and outlined operational recommendations for providing service at Post Falls. Plass read from a statement outlining emergency preparedness procedures, recommended the district compensate taxpayers for lack of service, and provided suggestions for construction and library operations moving forward. Robinson stated staff are thinking of ways to continue service and taxpayers would not expect money back because of this tragedy. Eccles reminded board members to send questions from the public to her to answer. She stated it is premature to talk about potential service options until we have more information. The next step is to remove the contents from Post Falls and Athol. She has been touring the facilities with contractors to get quotes. Legal counsel needs to determine if we need to solicit bids for the project. Next is demolition and then restoration. The extent of the damage is unknown, and we cannot make an accurate statement about the length of the closure at this time. Library service is a priority. Eccles stated staff are extremely busy. She requested that the board stop assigning specific administrative tasks. Eccles would appreciate the board's support, encouragement, and consideration. Hanley stated he is open to delaying the emergency procedure policy. He recommended that the library improvise, adapt, and overcome. Robinson stated she heard the director, and that the attorney was only given ten minutes today. Robinson acknowledged the director's experience. Eccles stated she has experience moving items as does the assistant director and facilities manager. We are helping contractors with our knowledge. We are waiting for legal counsel and bids. Only when those things are done can we go into the details of the next steps. Plass asked that the director do all she can to keep Post Falls open and keep the board updated. Hanley asked when the board would receive a factual update. He wants Post Falls to open in a smaller fashion during construction. Ottosen recommended putting things off if not pressing. Robinson asked how much time staff took for this one-hour meeting. Ottosen stated that is not pertinent. Eccles explained staff involvement.

Hanley moved to extend the meeting by ten minutes.

- M, C - Hanley

Discussion to review insurance policies, authorize engagement of insurance carriers or schedule insurance provider(s) presentations at a future meeting: *Action item (10 minutes)*

- Hanley asked for a simplified presentation comparing apples to apples. He does not know if we have adequate coverage. Plass requested consensus to get full coverage. He requested consensus to get three quotes. Eccles recommended reviewing the Financial Management Policy to clarify contracting authority. She recommends adhering to objective standards. Plass requested consensus. Ottosen consents. Hanley asked if ICRMP and Redman each count as one or are we asking for the additional quotes. Robinson requested more than one. Plass stated our rates will go up and that we want full coverage. Eccles stated the board has delegated authority to her. If quotes are provided, she will make the decision. Ottosen stated the board approves insurance. Robinson asked legal counsel if the district is fully covered. Boyles stated we have reduced limits and exclusions with ICRMP and could qualify as full coverage. Robinson requested we invite insurance providers to speak at the next meeting. Hanley stated the board requests three quotes, and the director should decide. Plass stated the director does not have contracting authority over \$50k. Insurance is the board's responsibility. Eccles stated she

objects. This is a violation of the Financial Management Policy, and the board is overreaching. Ongoing expenditures are exempt. She requested that the board allow her to do an RFQ with specified objective criteria. Plass stated this does not violate the Financial Management Policy and he does not want to be bound by the RFQ process. Ottosen asked for a summary comparison from ICRMP and Redman. Boyles stated procurement statutes do not require or prohibit an RFQ. Past practices of the library indicate insurance is exempt.

Robinson moved to extend the meeting by ten minutes.

- M, C - Robinson

Adjournment: Action item

Robinson moved to adjourn at 4:26 pm

M, C – Robinson

Respectfully submitted,

Alexa Eccles, Lindsey Miller-Escarfuller

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Posted: 02/05/2024 2:30pm

REVENUE

- 1 Income – Benewah County** – Benewah County has paid their portion of dues for the year and three quarters of their courier costs.
- 2 Income – Clarkia** – Clarkia has paid their portion of dues.
- 3 Income – Coeur d’Alene** – Coeur d’Alene has paid their portion of dues for the year and two quarters of their courier costs.
- 4 Income – Community Library Network** – The District has paid three quarters of dues for the year and three quarters of their courier costs.
- 5 Income – Kellogg** – Kellogg has paid their portion of dues for the year.
- 6 Income – Liberty Lake** – Liberty Lake Library has paid their portion of dues for the year and three quarters of their courier costs.
- 7 Income – Mullan Public** – Mullan has paid their portion of dues for the year.
- 8 Income – Osburn** – Osburn has paid their portion of dues for the year.
- 9 Income – Pend Oreille** – Pend Oreille County has paid their portion of dues for the year and three quarters of their courier costs.
- 10 Income – Plummer** – Plummer has paid their portion of dues for the year.
- 11 Income – Priest Lake** – Priest Lake Library has paid their portion of dues for the year.
- 12 Income – Silver Hills** – Silver Hills has paid their portion of dues for the year.
- 13 Income – St Maries** – St Maries has paid for their dues and three quarters of their courier costs.
- 14 Income – Wallace High** – Wallace High has paid their portion of dues for the year.
- 15 Income – Wallace Public** – Wallace Public has paid their portion of dues for the year.
- 16 Income – West Bonner** – West Bonner District Library has paid their dues and three quarters of their courier costs.
- 17 Income – E-books Membership** – This will be received in May or June by CDA and CLN libraries.
- 18 Income – E-books Contributions** – No contributions this month.
- 19 Income – Donation for E-books** – No donations this month.
- 20 Income – Interest** – Interest Income is above budget for April and the year.

EXPENSES

22 E-books & Materials – No purchases this month.

23 E-book Membership – This expense will be paid in May or June.

24 ByWater / Koha Maintenance – No expense this month.

25 EBSCO Open Athens/Novelist – There is no expense this month. This expense is generally paid in August or September.

26 Envisionware / Maint. – This line is complete for the year.

27 Marcive Maintenance – This is billed in the spring or summer.

28 OPAC Maint – Syndetics – The annual renewal for Syndetics has been paid. This line ends the year just over budget.

29 Twilio – Twilio charges are for any automated communication, except email, to library members about their library account. This line is above budget for April.

30 Accounting Svcs – This amount will be billed and paid in September of 2024.

31 Audit – This will be paid in late winter or early spring when our auditor has finished her work.

32 Legal & Professional Services – No expense this month.

33 Supplies – The negative amount represents a member library reimbursing CIN for supplies.

34 Local Courier – This is the monthly amount paid to the CIN courier.

35 ORBIS Courier – This is paid in quarterly installments. The next quarterly payment will be in April.

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets/Accounts rec – The checking account reflects the current balance at month-end. Accounts Receivables have been increased due to FY'23 audit adjustments.

Money Market Acct – These are funds currently in the money market account.

Prepaid Expenses – These are funds placed with Overdrive as part of our CIN contract to acquire eBooks and pay for their service. The annual audit determined adjustments were necessary and the reduction in this line has been implemented for FY 23.

Current Liabilities – None at this time.

Long-Term Liabilities – This line is adjusted at the end of our audit. There were no Long-Term Liabilities for FY 22. The annual audit determined there were no Long-Term Liabilities for FY 23.

Capital – Auditor adjustments have been made to all Capital Assets and Income for FY'23.

Janelle Sells
Business Manager for CLN & CIN

**Cooperative Information Network
Balance Sheet - 58.33% Time Elapsed
April 30, 2024**

UNAUDITED

ASSETS

Current Assets

MTN WEST - CK BK	\$ 5,013.06
ACCOUNTS REC	<u>20,039.23</u>

Total Current Assets **25,052.29**

Property and Equipment

Total Property and Equipment **0.00**

Other Assets

MONEY MKT ACCT 2090005920	71,226.70
PREPAID EXPENSES	<u>12,918.09</u>

Total Other Assets **84,144.79**

Total Assets **\$ 109,197.08**

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities **0.00**

Long-Term Liabilities

Total Long-Term Liabilities **0.00**

Total Liabilities **0.00**

Capital

NET ASSETS	\$ 59,453.56
Net Income	<u>49,743.52</u>

Total Capital **109,197.08**

Total Liabilities & Capital **\$ 109,197.08**

Cooperative Information Network
Income Statement - 58.33% Time Elapsed
For the Seven Months Ending April 30, 2024

UNAUDITED	Current Month	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD %
Revenues				
1 INCOME - BENEWAH COUNTY	478.67	3,172.77	3,651.43	86.89
2 INCOME - CLARKIA	0.00	1,179.64	1,179.64	100.00
3 INCOME - COEUR D'ALENE	0.00	19,502.15	24,288.82	80.29
4 INCOME - COMMUNITY LIBRARY NET	20,043.90	60,131.70	80,175.59	75.00
5 INCOME - KELLOGG	0.00	1,462.14	1,462.14	100.00
6 INCOME - LIBERTY LAKE	957.34	6,486.75	7,444.07	87.14
7 INCOME - MULLAN PUBLIC	0.00	1,468.94	1,468.94	100.00
8 INCOME - OSBURN	0.00	1,110.05	1,110.05	100.00
9 INCOME - PEND OREILLE	478.67	5,468.82	5,947.48	91.95
10 INCOME - PLUMMER	0.00	1,739.56	1,739.56	100.00
11 INCOME - PRIEST LAKE	0.00	1,634.75	1,634.75	100.00
12 INCOME - SILVER HILLS	0.00	1,231.35	1,231.35	100.00
13 INCOME - ST. MARIES	478.67	3,196.47	3,675.13	86.98
14 INCOME - WALLACE HIGH	0.00	1,075.30	1,075.30	100.00
15 INCOME - WALLACE PUBLIC	0.00	1,548.71	1,548.71	100.00
16 INCOME - WEST BONNER	957.34	5,476.51	6,433.83	85.12
17 INCOME - EBOOKS MEMBERSHIP	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
18 INCOME - EBOOKS CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	60,000.00	10,000.00	600.00
19 INCOME - E-BOOKS DONATIONS	0.00	11,075.19	3,000.00	369.17
20 INCOME - INTEREST	13.51	80.10	40.00	200.25
21 Total Revenues	23,408.10	187,040.90	167,106.79	111.93
Expenses				
22 EBOOKS & MATERIALS	0.00	83,075.19	25,000.00	332.30
23 EBOOK MEMBERSHIP	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
24 ByWATER / KOHA MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	29,050.00	0.00
25 EBSCO OPEN ATHENS/NOVELIST	0.00	0.00	9,725.00	0.00
26 ENVISIONWARE / MAINT	0.00	4,161.49	4,727.00	88.04
27 MARCIVE MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	1,820.00	0.00
28 OPAC MAINT-SYNETICS	0.00	3,784.19	3,650.00	103.68
29 TWILIO	600.68	4,216.59	5,000.00	84.33
30 ACCOUNTING SERVICES	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
31 AUDIT	0.00	0.00	4,150.00	0.00
32 LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0.00	69.00	0.00	0.00
33 SUPPLIES	(92.70)	(684.06)	0.00	0.00
34 LOCAL COURIER	5,681.65	39,771.55	68,179.80	58.33
35 ORBIS COURIER	967.81	2,903.43	3,765.00	77.12
36 Total Expenses	7,157.44	137,297.38	167,066.80	82.18
37 Net Income	\$ 16,250.66	\$ 49,743.52	\$ 39.99	124,389.90

Community Library Network Financial Statement Analysis
April 2024 – 58.33% of Time Elapsed

Revenue

1 Income – Taxes – Property Tax Income came in less than expected for April.

2 Income – Bond Levy – We satisfied our bond levy obligation in January. The law requires that all property tax money go to the Bond until that income line has reached 100%.

3 Income – Sales Tax & Ag Equip – Sales Tax Income is received quarterly. This line is just under budget for two quarters.

4 Income – Coop Electric Agreement – This annual payment arrives in July.

5 Income – Personal Property Replacement – The first semi-annual payment arrived in January and is above expectations.

6 Income – Property Tax Relief – The first semi-annual payment arrived in January and is below expectations.

7 Income – State Add'l Tax Relief – This is a new income line as a result of new legislation from House Bill #292. After further clarification from the county auditor's office, this is replacement property tax income paid by the State. This income will be received in semi-annual installments.

8 Income – ST Homeowners Tax Relief – This is a new income line as a result of new legislation from House Bill #292. After further clarification from the county auditor's office, this is replacement property tax income paid by the State. This income will be received in semi-annual installments.

9 Income – URD Close – URD funds may continue to trickle in throughout the year.

10 Income – Copiers/Printers – Copier/Printer income is below budget for April.

11 Income – Donations – Donation income this month comes from a variety of library members.

12 Income – Fees – Fee income is below budget for April.

13 Income – Lost & Paid – Lost and paid income is below budget for April.

14 Income – Grants – No income this month.

15 Income – CLN Friends Grants – No income this month.

16 Income – Post Falls Friends Grants – No income this month.

17 Income – Interest – Interest income is above budget for the year.

Expenditures

19-25 Salary Components – The Salary Components, in total through April are at 54.51% of their budgeted amount.

26 Adult Programs – Adult programming is below budget for the month. This line varies quite a bit as programs are planned and presented.

27 Children's Programs – Children's programming expense is below budget for the month. This line varies quite a bit as programs are planned and presented. Youth Services is ready for Summer Reading.

28 Collections – Collections spending is just below budget for the month.

29 Communications/Marketing – Expenditures this month are for developing the Summer Reading guide. This line will increase as programs require marketing materials.

30 Emerging Tech. Programs – Expenses this month purchased replacement parts for the 3D printers.

31 OCLC/Databases – No expenditures this month.

32 Software – The expense this month includes the monthly hosting services for Office 365.

33 Internet Access – Fatbeam is our vendor that brings the internet into our central hub at Post Falls. E-rate discounts are being applied. The negative amount reflects the State reimbursing the District for the non-E-rate supported expense.

34 Telecom – Fatbeam connects all our facilities to the central hub for internet access. T-Mobile is our hot spot provider. Verizon provides wireless access for Chromebooks, the bookmobile and several devices used by facilities staff. E-rate discounts are being applied. The negative amount reflects the State reimbursing the District for the non-E-rate supported expense.

35 Tech Proc/Office – Tech processing and supplies is above budget for April. Purchases this month include payment for collection material moving boxes related to the insurance claim. ICRMP will be reimbursing the District for that cost.

36 Grants – Expenses this month supported Summer Stem activities at Hayden and Spirit Lake and the United Way initiatives for Launch into Learning, Sensory Learning, and Hygiene Hamper.

37 Grants – CLN Friends – Expenses this month purchased supplies for Summer Reading and Paint & Sip programs.

38 Grants – Post Falls Friends – Expenses this month supported Adult Summer Reading programs.

40 Janitorial – Janitorial expenses this month include regular monthly cleaning at all locations. We are receiving a reduced rate since Athol and Post Falls are not fully open.

41 Library Equip (under \$2500) – Minimal expenses this month include purchasing new cases for the upgraded patron hotspots.

42 Mileage & Vehicle Maint. – Expenses this month include fuel for District vehicles and mileage reimbursement for some staff members.

43 Outreach Vehicles – Expenses this month include fuel for the bookmobiles and for repairs for the bookmobile brakes and a check engine light warning.

44-50 Repairs & Maint. (as a group) – As a group, repairs and maintenance are at -25.82% for April. The negative amount reflects receiving insurance claim funds for removing materials at Athol. Other expenses this month include electrical work at Athol allowing the bookmobile to open in the Athol parking lot, plumbing and electrical repairs at Hayden, and HVAC repairs at Post Falls.

51 Snow Removal – Snow removal costs for April were minimal. Hopefully, winter is over.

52 Telephones – Telephone expenses are on target for April.

53-59 Utilities (as a group) – As a group, utilities are at 55.34% for April. This month includes regular expenses for electricity, gas, water, sewer, and garbage.

61 Audit – Toni Hackwith is scheduled to present the final audit at the May regular meeting. CIN will reimburse the District for their portion of the audit expense once the audit is complete.

62 Bank Svc Chg. – Bank service charge expense is below budget for the month.

63 Bond Principal Payment – Our bond principal is paid in July.

64 Bond Interest – Our bond Interest is paid semi-annually in January and July.

65 CIN – We pay our dues to CIN quarterly. The next quarterly payment will be in July.

66 Courier – We pay our courier payments to CIN quarterly. The next quarterly payment will be in July.

67 Copiers – Copier expenses are paid quarterly and are just above budget halfway through the year.

68 Dues – Dues expense this month renew memberships for Facilities Management and Harrison Chamber of Commerce.

69 Insurance – The second half of the ICRMP policy has now been paid. 100% of the Great American Insurance policy was paid in October. This line ends the year above budget.

70A & 70B Legal & Professional – The lines, collectively, are above budget for April. Legal expenses are above budget for the month and Professional Services are below budget for the month. Professional Services expenses this month include fees for the electronic time-keeping payroll system, collection services for past due patron accounts, and E-rate consulting.

71 Petty Cash Expense – No expense this month.

72 Postage – Postage is below budget for April.

73 Sales Tax Expense – This is paid quarterly based on the amount of income we receive from copier and printer use. We will make the next quarterly payment in June.

74 Storage Rental – Storage rental is below budget for April. This month includes additional insurance funds received to cover two more months of rent for the offsite storage of materials from Athol and Post Falls.

75 Training/Conf. Travel – Expenses this month include reimbursing travel cost for the Directors Summit and attendance at a Human Resource seminar for another staff member.

BALANCE SHEET

Please Note: Accounts affected by FY'23 audit adjustments have been highlighted in yellow on the Balance Sheet.

Current Assets – Includes month end checking account balances as well as Property Tax Receivable. Property Tax Receivable is examined and adjusted annually by the auditor.

Property and Equipment

All capital property and equipment balances reflect the current value of the assets. These are examined and adjusted annually by the auditor.

Land – No change this month.

Land improvements – No change this month.

Buildings – Expenses this month paid for the new roof at Hayden.

Vehicles – No change this month

Equipment & Furniture – Expenses this month replaced a furnace at Pinehurst. Normally, work on the HVAC system would be a Repair and Maintenance expense. However, this time, equipment needed to be replaced and accounting guidelines require this expense to be capitalized.

Collections – No change this month

Other Assets

Mtn West MMK – Henderson Fund – This account is a fund dedicated to Youth Services purchases in the District.

ICS – This stands for “Insured Cash Sweep” and is the account where we receive the most stable interest on funds we anticipate holding for longer periods of time. The ICS holds the majority of our cash on hand and keeps our funds within the guidelines of FDIC insurance.

CARRF – Our Capital Asset Repair and Replacement available funds appear here. The budgeted FY'23 transfer was made in September. This account is currently over the FDIC insurance limits and staff will be looking for more secure options while maintaining liquidity for upcoming capital projects.

CARRF-CDARS – CARRF funds in excess of FDIC insurance limits are held in this group of short-term CDs.

Mtn West MMK – Pinehurst Bequest – This account is a fund dedicated to the Pinehurst library.

Amount to provide for long-term debt – These assets would be used in the event we needed to pay someone their accrued vacation time if they left the District. (See “Accrued Annual Leave” below.)

Current Liabilities

All current liabilities are examined and adjusted annually by the auditor.

Accrued Payroll Liabilities – a portion of the October payroll included some days in September of the prior fiscal year.

SUTA Payable – Unemployment taxes accrue monthly and are paid quarterly.

Accrued Annual Leave – This is close to the same amount (\$0.16 difference is due to rounding during the audit process) listed as an asset above and represents our current liability to pay those with accrued vacation time.

Bond Interest Payable – This amount is established annually at the close of the fiscal year through audit adjustments.

Long-Term Liabilities

Bonds Payable – This is the amount currently owed on our bond.

Premium on Bonds Payable – This amount is established annually at the close of the fiscal year through audit adjustments.

Deferred Property Tax Revenue – This is the portion not paid within 60 days of the end of our fiscal year. The amount is established annually at the close of the fiscal year through audit adjustments.

Net Assets

Net Invest in Fixed Assets – This is the value of all the District's fixed assets minus our bond debt. The amount is established annually at the close of the fiscal year through audit adjustments.

Net Assets – Unrestricted – These are liquid assets. The amount is established annually at the close of the fiscal year through audit adjustments.

Restricted Net Assets – This reflects end-of-year entries through audit adjustments and includes assets for the following restricted funds: Smithsonian and all other unexpended grant monies and dedicated donations.

Janelle Sells
Business Manager
Community Library Network

Community Library Network
Balance Sheet - 58.33% of Time Elapsed
April 30, 2024

UNAUDITED

ASSETS

Current Assets

MTN WEST-CK BK	\$ 24,478.57
ACCTS REC	84,801.94
PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	<u>296,972.00</u>

Total Current Assets **406,252.51**

Property and Equipment

LAND	268,512.00
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	53,045.23
ART	8,785.00
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	18,343.00
BUILDINGS	9,442,260.16
VEHICLES	478,300.94
EQUIP & FURNITURE	374,958.66
COLLECTIONS	5,113,314.77
ACCUM DEPREC	<u>(9,118,077.79)</u>

Total Property and Equipment **6,639,441.97**

Other Assets

MNT WEST MMK - HENDERSON FUND	5,477.85
ICS	3,046,532.06
CARRF	291,663.35
CARRF - CDARS	234,935.21
MNT WEST MMK-PINEHURST BEQUEST	135,038.75
AMT TO PROV FR LONG TERM DEBT	<u>101,575.49</u>

Total Other Assets **3,815,222.71**

Total Assets **\$ 10,860,917.19**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

ACCTS PAYABLE	3,922.50
ACCRUED PAYROLL	\$ 55,594.00
SUTA PAYABLE	2,110.58
NCPERS LIFE INS PAYABLE	16.00
ACCRD ANNL LV	101,575.65
BOND INT PAYABLE	<u>3,900.48</u>

Total Current Liabilities **167,119.21**

Community Library Network
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Long-Term Liabilities

BONDS PAYABLE	520,000.00
PREM ON BNDS PAY	489.31
DEFERRED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	<u>277,380.00</u>

Total Long-Term Liabilities 797,869.31

Total Liabilities **964,988.52**

NET ASSETS

NET INVEST IN FIXED ASSETS	5,800,343.51
NET ASSETS-UNRESTRICTED	3,100,746.98
RESTR NET ASSETS	326,865.44
NET INCOME	<u>667,972.74</u>

Total Net Assets 9,895,928.67

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 10,860,917.19

Community Library Network
Income Statement - 58.33% of Time Elapsed
For the Seven Months Ending April 30, 2024

UNAUDITED

	Current Month	YTD Actual	Approved Amended Annual Budget	YTD % Budget
Revenues				
1 INCOME - PROPERTY TAXES	39,590.02	2,670,834.44	5,013,163.00	53.28
2 INCOME - BOND LEVY	0.00	278,400.00	278,400.00	100.00
3 INCOME - SALES TAX & AG EQUIP	0.00	148,064.34	300,000.00	49.35
4 INCOME - COOP ELECT AGRMENT	0.00	8,401.44	35,100.00	23.94
5 INCOME - PERSONAL PROP RPLCMNT	0.00	16,030.02	27,983.00	57.28
6 INCOME - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	0.00	21,795.93	64,300.00	33.90
7 INCOME- STATE ADD'L TAX RELIEF	0.00	28,577.61	0.00	0.00
8 INCOME-ST HOMEOWNER TAX RELIEF	0.00	294,281.95	0.00	0.00
9 INCOME - URD CLOSE	0.00	(825.72)	0.00	0.00
10 INCOME - COPIERS/PRINTERS	2,343.15	17,630.51	34,000.00	51.85
11 INCOME - DONATIONS	129.36	4,157.96	10,000.00	41.58
12 INCOME - FEES, ETC.	70.00	557.07	1,100.00	50.64
13 INCOME - LOST & PAID BOOKS	632.09	3,204.07	7,400.00	43.30
14 INCOME - GRANTS	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
15 INCOME - CLN FRIENDS	0.00	6,300.00	15,000.00	42.00
16 INCOME - POST FALLS FRIENDS	0.00	4,400.00	10,000.00	44.00
17 INCOME - INTEREST	8,268.67	53,390.77	34,000.00	157.03
18 Total Current Revenues	51,033.29	3,555,200.39	5,850,446.00	60.77
Expenditures				
19 SALARIES	215,198.55	1,630,451.78	2,993,456.00	54.47
20 PERSI RETIREMENT BENEFITS	20,537.39	155,078.47	288,626.00	53.73
21 MEDICAL/DENTAL BENEFITS	21,932.17	168,149.74	374,736.00	44.87
22 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	190.32	1,332.24	2,350.00	56.69
23 VEBA HEALTH BENEFITS	0.00	58,793.77	65,440.00	89.84
24 EMPLOYMENT TAXES	18,256.25	154,331.00	252,895.00	61.03
25 Total Salaries and Benefits	276,114.68	2,168,137.00	3,977,503.00	54.51
26 ADULT PROGRAMS	564.13	3,939.32	17,000.00	23.17
27 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	1,235.56	12,242.84	30,000.00	40.81
28 COLLECT(Bks & Materials)	14,607.98	162,954.40	332,079.00	49.07
29 COMMUNICATIONS / MARKETING	870.00	1,222.29	22,500.00	5.43
30 EMERGING TECH. PROGRAMS	435.25	533.18	2,500.00	21.33
31 OCLC/DATABASES	0.00	6,500.00	37,000.00	17.57
32 SOFTWARE	1,948.49	50,749.24	108,000.00	46.99
33 INTERNET ACCESS	597.00	597.00	7,164.00	8.33
34 TELECOM	5,389.18	17,899.44	66,202.00	27.04
35 TECH/PROC/OFFICE	32,415.52	62,560.01	57,628.00	108.56
36 GRANT	1,251.27	9,126.64	20,000.00	45.63
37 GRANTS - CLN FRIENDS	107.96	6,020.48	15,000.00	40.14
38 GRANTS - POST FALLS FRIENDS	51.50	1,536.47	10,000.00	15.36
39 Total Programs, Materials and Services	59,473.84	335,881.31	725,073.00	46.32
40 JANITORIAL	7,423.50	64,515.74	160,000.00	40.32
41 LIBRARY EQUIP (UNDER \$2500)	119.89	17,411.23	93,544.00	18.61
42 MILEAGE & VEHICLE MAINT.	941.66	12,127.84	24,000.00	50.53
43 OUTREACH VEHICLES - R & M	1,763.50	12,582.94	38,300.00	32.85
44 REPAIRS&MAINT/AT	1,294.85	(66,082.16)	14,225.00	(464.55)
45 REPAIRS&MAINT/HR	0.00	2,100.06	7,600.00	27.63
46 REPAIRS&MAINT/HL	2,774.26	13,168.97	23,800.00	55.33
47 REPAIRS&MAINT/PK	0.00	3,212.00	18,900.00	16.99
48 REPAIRS & MAINT/PF	2,308.57	7,925.93	35,200.00	22.52

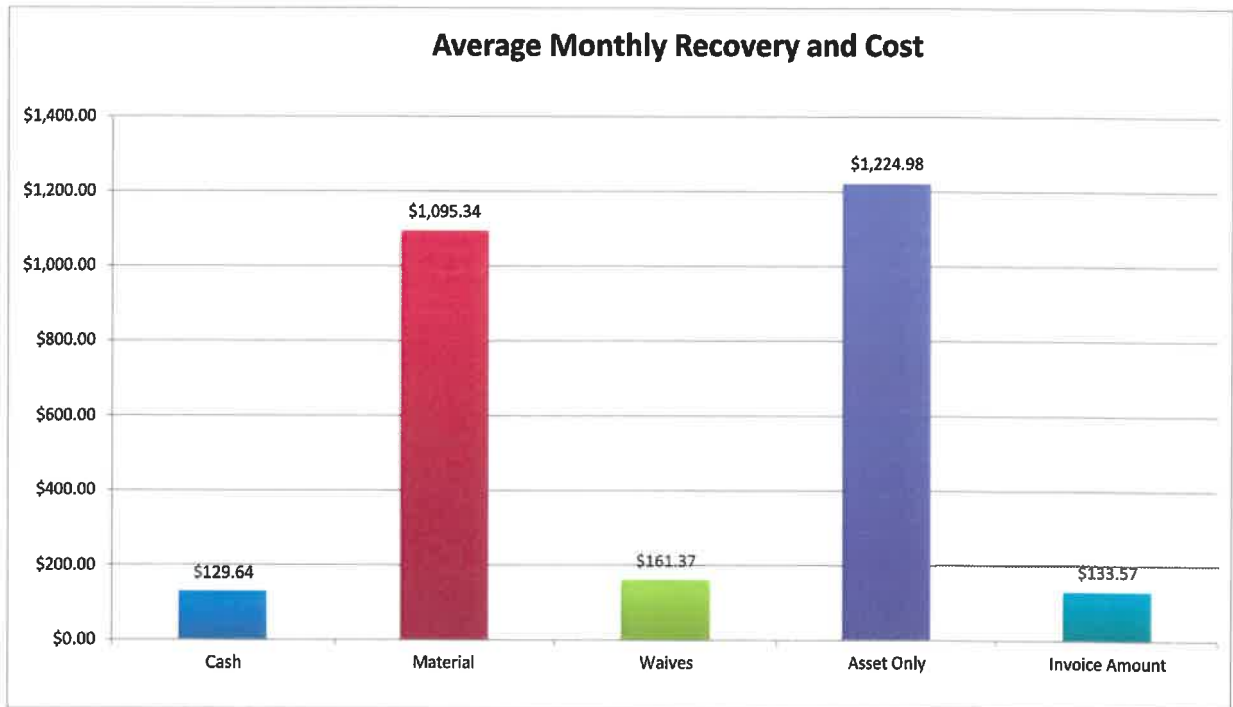
Community Library Network
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UNAUDITED	Current Month	YTD Actual	Approved Amended Annual Budget	YTD % Budget
49 REPAIRS&MAINT/RA	24.28	2,838.16	18,800.00	15.10
50 REPAIRS&MAINT/SL	0.00	2,939.99	12,750.00	23.06
51 SNOW REMOVAL	240.00	20,242.40	35,000.00	57.84
52 TELEPHONE	1,421.02	10,200.06	18,250.00	55.89
53 UTILITIES/AT	648.77	5,076.59	9,050.00	56.09
54 UTILITIES/HR	455.67	3,535.98	6,000.00	58.93
55 UTILITIES/HL	2,021.44	19,286.63	37,700.00	51.16
56 UTILITIES/PK	629.86	4,348.04	6,700.00	64.90
57 UTILITIES/PF	3,892.55	31,392.76	55,200.00	56.87
58 UTILITIES/RA	724.07	6,268.42	11,750.00	53.35
59 UTILITIES/SL	471.78	4,243.11	7,600.00	55.83
60 Total Facilities Maintenance	27,155.67	177,334.69	634,369.00	27.95
61 AUDIT	0.00	17,750.00	14,500.00	122.41
62 BANK SVC CHGS	2.67	130.92	350.00	37.41
63 BOND PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	255,000.00	0.00
64 BOND INTEREST	0.00	11,700.00	23,400.00	50.00
65 CIN	8,742.96	26,228.88	34,972.00	75.00
66 COURIER	11,300.94	33,902.82	45,204.00	75.00
67 COPIERS	0.00	4,897.06	9,500.00	51.55
68 DUES	325.00	1,891.00	2,000.00	94.55
69 INSURANCE	25,646.50	58,655.00	51,293.00	114.35
70 LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	5,311.81	49,220.87	82,000.00	60.03
70A - LEGAL SERVICES	3,922.50	39,276.75	47,000.00	83.57
70B - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,389.31	9,944.12	35,000.00	28.41
71 PETTY CASH EXP	0.00	146.91	1,000.00	14.69
72 POSTAGE	615.49	5,145.11	10,000.00	51.45
73 SALES TAX EXP	0.00	917.25	2,040.00	44.96
74 STORAGE RENTAL	(4,030.00)	(3,244.30)	4,500.00	(72.10)
75 TRAINING/CONF. TRAVEL	262.37	(1,466.87)	20,000.00	(7.33)
76 Total District General Operations	48,177.74	205,874.65	555,759.00	37.04
77 Capital Expenditure from Current Revenues	5,991.83	12,247.06	0.00	0.00
78 CARRF Fund Transfer from Current Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
79 Total Capital Investment	5,991.83	12,247.06	0.00	0.00
80 Total Current Expenditures	416,913.76	2,899,474.71	5,892,704.00	49.20
81 Total Current Revenues	51,033.29	3,555,200.39	5,850,446.00	60.77
82 Total Current Expenditures	416,913.76	2,899,474.71	5,892,704.00	49.20
83 Net: Current Revenues less Current Expenditures	(365,880.47)	655,725.68	(42,258.00)	
On September 15, 2023, the Board voted to reduce Property Tax Income and the budget deficit to be paid for with Carryforward Funds				
84 FY'24 Capital Projects funded with Carryforward	0.00	0.00	56,000.00	0.00
85 FY'24 Capital Projects funded with CARRF	0.00	77,897.21	102,500.00	76.00
	0.00	77,897.21	158,500.00	49.15
86 FY'23 Capital Projects funded with CARRF	208,625.00	208,625.00	210,868.00	98.94



Monthly Recovery Statistics: Community Library Network
 5/2023 Through 4/2024

Month	Cash	Material	Waives	Total	Assets Only	Invoice Amount
April-24	\$160.00	\$3,031.66	\$670.05	\$3,861.71	\$3,191.66	\$326.20
March-24	\$247.90	\$1,663.21	\$47.90	\$1,959.01	\$1,911.11	\$58.25
February-24	\$45.00	\$992.05	\$235.57	\$1,272.62	\$1,037.05	\$104.85
January-24	\$45.00	\$1,291.74	\$267.59	\$1,604.33	\$1,336.74	\$209.70
December-23	\$101.00	\$1,026.09	\$27.90	\$1,154.99	\$1,127.09	\$93.20
November-23	\$62.95	\$1,113.48	\$182.20	\$1,358.63	\$1,176.43	\$93.20
October-23	\$262.94	\$1,133.88	\$169.96	\$1,566.78	\$1,396.82	\$198.05
September-23	\$156.99	\$591.27	\$24.60	\$772.86	\$748.26	\$50.00
August-23	\$291.85	\$757.60	\$226.32	\$1,275.77	\$1,049.45	\$221.35
July-23	\$82.00	\$576.68	\$15.19	\$673.87	\$658.68	\$139.80
June-23	\$40.00	\$390.80	\$69.10	\$499.90	\$430.80	\$50.00
May-23	\$60.00	\$575.65	\$0.00	\$635.65	\$635.65	\$58.25
Total	\$1,555.63	\$13,144.11	\$1,936.38	\$16,636.12	\$14,699.74	\$1,602.85
Average	\$129.64	\$1,095.34	\$161.37	\$1,386.34	\$1,224.98	\$133.57
Total ROI: \$10:1						



FY'24 Carryforward Worksheet

Checking account balance as of 4/30/24	24,478.57
ICS account balance as of 4/30/24	<u>3,046,532.06</u>
Available Liquid Funds	<u><u>3,071,010.63</u></u>
Required for Accounts Payable	2,110.58
Reserved for Restricted Funds (Grants, Donations)	177,456.63
Approximate Expenditures for May through July 2024. Anderson Bros. CPA July 18, 2023 memo from Toni Hackwith: Average daily expenses = \$13,610 @ 92 days	1,252,120.00
FY'23 Budgeted Projects/Expenditures not Completed yet Parking Lot Sealing and Striping at Hayden and Pinehurst	18,806.00
Carryforward Assigned to FY'24 Budgeted Capital Projects - Harrison	56,000.00
Restricted Carryforward Funds	<u>1,506,493.21</u>
Available to Assign to Expenditures or Emergencies	<u><u>1,564,517.42</u></u>

Best Practices for Approximately 2 additional months for emergencies. Anderson Bros. CPA July 18, 2023 memo from Toni Hackwith: Average daily expenses = \$13,610 @ 60 days	816,600.00
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Amount Over	747,917.42
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It is not uncommon to have extra carryforward at this time of year. There will be significant seasonal expenditures in the coming months that will reduce this balance.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY NETWORK

April-24

	<u>AT</u>	<u>BK</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>HL</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PK</u>	<u>RA</u>	<u>SL</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>TOTAL CIRCULATION</u>	1595	1956	1956	41636	9351	8208	13041	6299	84042
CIRC LAST YEAR	4938	2921	2050	35033	33646	8266	11401	5154	103409
YEAR TO DATE CIRC	24816	12178	14683	277270	155164	51744	82208	40538	658601
YEAR TO DATE CIRC LAST YEAR	38132	20017	14651	243627	239754	51320	75217	37678	720396
<u>PHYSICAL ITEMS CIRCULATION</u>	484	1856	986	28714	1177	2738	8810	3758	48523
CIRC LAST YEAR	3287	2854	954	22894	20029	2703	6560	2773	62054
YEAR TO DATE CIRC	15172	11372	7996	185765	79797	19086	55525	24671	399384
YEAR TO DATE CIRC LAST YEAR	26700	19519	7776	165436	156349	18965	47266	20623	462634
<u>OVERDRIVE EBOOK DOWNLOADS</u>	246	57	60	2557	1924	209	769	126	5948
EBOOK CIRC LAST YEAR	295	36	49	2295	1877	183	695	96	5526
<u>OVERDRIVE EAUDIO DOWNLOADS</u>	364	43	60	2811	2475	327	1143	228	7451
EAUDIO CIRC LAST YEAR	390	31	42	2323	2332	190	884	206	6398
TOTAL MONTHLY CIRC	610	100	120	5368	4399	536	1912	354	13399
TOTAL MONTHLY CIRC LAST YEAR	685	67	91	4618	4209	373	1579	302	11924
YEAR TO DATE TOTAL CIRC	4633	797	823	36818	31386	3429	13299	2483	93668
YEAR TO DATE TOTAL CIRC LAST YEAR	4885	493	572	32692	29850	2614	10801	2006	83913
<u>FREEGAL USAGE</u>	10	0	0	1835	1771	2946	654	109	7325
CIRC LAST YEAR	19	0	0	1911	1674	2717	863	5	7189
YEAR TO DATE CIRC	554	9	87	16150	13441	15177	2051	428	47897
YEAR TO DATE CIRC LAST YEAR	185	5	0	11227	9247	14629	5663	2314	43270
<u>INTERNET & COMPUTER USE</u>	491	N/A	850	5719	2004	1988	1665	2078	14795
USE LAST YEAR	947	N/A	1005	5610	7734	2473	2399	2074	22242
YEAR TO DATE CIRC	4457	N/A	5777	38537	30540	14052	11333	12956	117652
YEAR TO DATE CIRC LAST YEAR	6362	N/A	6303	34272	46662	15112	11487	12735	132933
<u>MATERIALS ADDED</u>	34	28	58	903	406	185	264	136	2014
YEAR TO DATE	410	313	420	4930	3013	1074	1434	654	12248
YEAR TO DATE LAST YEAR	852	507	621	5635	5025	835	1276	772	15523
<u>NEW PATRONS</u>	1	2	3	152	37	14	42	15	266
NEW PATRONS LAST YEAR	12	14	8	152	135	7	40	22	390
YEAR TO DATE	98	90	19	1087	560	99	382	120	2455
YEAR TO DATE LAST YEAR	185	136	24	1161	1100	93	364	149	3212
<u>NEW PATRONS (By Card Type)</u>									
ADULTS	1	0	1	120	26	13	27	12	200
MINOR	0	1	2	24	3	1	13	1	45
MINOR LIMITED	0	1	0	6	4	0	2	2	15
TEEN LIMITED	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	6
<u>CURRENT CARDHOLDERS</u>	2184	1517	435	13688	19011	1928	5408	1864	46035
ADULTS	1756	601	383	11391	15235	1125	4256	1395	36142
MINOR	411	832	47	2200	3653	705	1086	452	9386
MINOR LIMITED	17	84	5	83	117	97	64	16	483
TEEN LIMITED	0	0	0	14	6	1	2	1	24
<u>PEOPLE COUNTER</u>	1070	759	999	13891	3336	1770	4219	2236	28280
COUNTER LAST YEAR	1837	1297	499	10967	15245	2053	4280	1825	38003
YEAR TO DATE	7381	4276	6841	84599	50463	11817	27379	13072	205828
YEAR TO DATE LAST YEAR	12316	8332	3088	73133	102234	14009	28912	14336	256360
<u>MEETING ROOMS</u>									
# OF TIMES MEETING ROOM USED [LIBRARY]	0	N/A	N/A	21	0	21	33	16	91
MEETING ROOM ATTENDANCE	0	N/A	N/A	1111	0	192	456	254	2013
# OF TIMES MEETING ROOM USED [NON-LIBRARY]	0	N/A	N/A	25	0	0	4	3	32
MEETING ROOM ATTENDANCE	0	N/A	N/A	142	0	0	23	10	175



COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT/TECHNICAL SERVICES COORDINATOR

FLSA Designation: Exempt

Board approved: 4/21/2022

General Statement of Duties

This position is responsible for the development, purchase and organization of collections for the libraries in the District and for coordinating the work of the Technical Services department.

Position Summary

The Collection Development/Technical Services Coordinator performs professional administrative work in the management, coordination, purchasing and processing of collection items for all District libraries; plans, directs, hires, manages and evaluates technical services operations and staff; serves as liaison for the consortium's integrated library system (ILS) and provides system related training to consortium and District staff. This position is supervised by the Assistant Director with considerable latitude granted for the exercise of independent judgment and initiative. The principal duties of the position are performed in a general library/office environment.

Examples of Work

- Supervises, hires, trains and evaluates the technical services staff
- Plans and manages collection development needs in member-focused environment
- Selects new and replacement materials across formats and audiences
- Researches and analyzes borrowing activity and usage trends and recommends appropriate changes to collection
- Provides a broad collection representing multiple viewpoints and collaborates with library staff to meet changing community needs
- Assists in policy creation, strategic planning, document preparation and collection budget development
- Develops and maintains technical services policies and procedures to facilitate effective and efficient cataloging workflows, quality control and ILS management practices
- Explains and implements policy

- Reviews materials for inclusion into the District's collection
- Oversees and trains staff in the weeding of collections at all libraries
- Coordinates, supervises and trains volunteers to assist in materials processing
- Orders and tracks library supplies for District
- Coordinates with courier to ensure prompt and efficient delivery of materials to libraries in the District and consortium
- Performs technical processing duties including original and copy cataloging, checking materials for accuracy; labeling and covering material, weeding and discarding materials, processing items for Bindery and filling in for other technical services staff
- Coordinates cataloging and processing of materials for the Kootenai County Genealogical Society
- Trains District and consortium staff in Circulation, Cataloging, ILL, Reports, OCLC and online Databases as needed
- Acts as System Administrator for ILS software for the District as well as other consortium libraries as needed; assists with software updates
- Attends trainings, workshops and conferences as appropriate
- Works collaboratively with Library Managers, District website team and other district staff
- Assists with special events, programs and other library work as needed

Other Duties and Responsibilities

- Performs other related duties as required

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of selection of public library materials
- Principles and practices of technical service functions, including bibliographic utilities, the Dewey Decimal System, Library of Congress Subject Headings, MARC and other standardized library classification and organization systems
- Fundamental library and public service principles, objectives, methods and practices
- Personal computers and associated software, integrated library systems and the Internet
- Leadership principles and team building
- Current trends and developments in public library collection development, technical services and general library practices

Ability to:

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with District and consortium staff and contracted personnel
- Actively participate in appropriate continuing education opportunities
- Plan, supervise and provide instruction to others

- Accept and follow instructions, set priorities, handle details and work accurately
- Use initiative, problem solving skills and judgment
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Use computer systems and associated software programs, integrated library systems and the Internet
- Work effectively under stress and in a changing environment
- Use tools and equipment necessary in technical services functions
- Work independently and as part of a team
- Effectively advocate for District library service

Acceptable Experience and Training

- Required MLIS from an ALA-accredited institution; and
- Three (3) years of experience in public libraries and technical services with at least two (2) years of supervisory experience; or
- Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge and abilities necessary to perform the work

Special Qualifications

- Valid driver's license required

Performance Aptitudes

The following requirements may be met with or without reasonable accommodation:

- **Physical Ability:** Tasks involve extended periods of time in seated position and at a keyboard or workstation.
- **Project Management:** Tasks require the ability to schedule, coordinate, and manage various projects of varying degrees of difficulty, size and complexity.
- **Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials:** Tasks require the ability to operate, maneuver, and/or control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools, and/or materials, commensurate with duties of the position.
- **Social and Interpersonal Communication Skills:** Position requires professional, social and interpersonal communication skills, requiring significant internal and external interaction.
- **Technology:** Position requires the ability to understand and effectively apply information technology. Applicant must possess the ability to deal with District emergent technologies.
- **Reasoning:** Position requires the ability to exercise judgment, decisiveness, and innovation in situations involving evaluation of information.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by individuals assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list

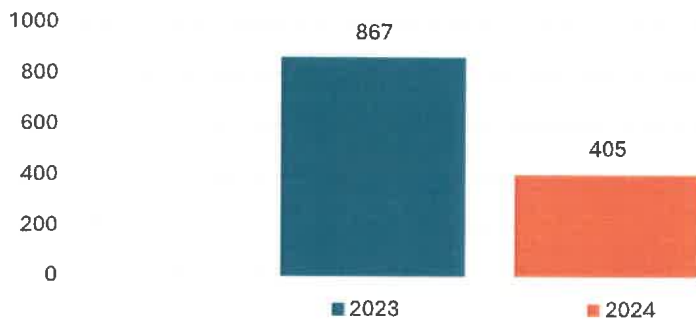
of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified in this position.
This job description is subject to change as the needs and requirements of the job change.

May 16, 2024
Monthly Board Report
For April 2024

Adult Programming

Month: April 2024
Coordinator Name: Marie Shockley
Department: Adult Programming

of Attendees to Adult Programs



Our attendance continues to be greatly affected by the closures of Post Falls and Athol. We are excited that they have reopened with limited services and hope to have a few programs lined up soon!

April is our big month for our annual Going to Seed series. We did a combination of workshops and lecture style sessions this year with April being mostly by expert speakers we invited to come to all our libraries. Our theme this year was focusing on native plants, so our experts' presented classes on native edible plants and foraging, native perennials and groundcovers, and how to choose non-invasive and native alternatives to common plants. The programs were very well attended as members were excited to sit down with our experts and discuss their gardening woes. Another aspect of the Going to Seed program is the seed giveaway. We had 5lbs of native plant seeds that we distributed to the five open libraries to hand out in small sample packets—3392 packets total. Our totals will not be counted until May, but most of the libraries have already given them all away; members are always eager to see what samples we have each new year.

Our other big focus this month was a team-up with Youth Services to teach parents about early learning literacy and the important role that play has in preparing young kids for reading and school. We did this through a fun Play-Doh party, inviting parents along the journey to learn about how play can introduce early learners to math and science concepts as well as helping toddlers develop strength, dexterity and control that will be needed for things like using pencils and scissors when they begin school. Parents were left happy with the new knowledge; many explained that while they knew play was important, they had not fully understood why and were pleased to have gained the new understanding and terminology to express the full scope of play's role in their child's development.

Athol

Casey Peters



Month: April 2024
Manager Name: Casey Peters
Library: Athol Library
Monthly Door Count: 157 (April 17th-April 30th)
New Cards Issued: 1
Total Circulation: 1,595
Study Room Usage: N/A
Meeting Room Usage: N/A

Yay, the Bookmobile arrived at the Athol Library, and we were able to start temporary services while we wait for construction to commence. As of April 17th, we were open for business. There have been many excited members returning, but we are still trying to get the word out to those members that are not yet aware we are here. Athol City Hall and the Bayview *Shorelines* newsletters have graciously advertised for us so I believe we will be seeing an uptick in members returning. Holds are steadily growing.

Staff have been great at adjusting to our temporary home. We have been cleaning and organizing in our down time and brainstorming about what we can do when we reopen as well as services we can provide until we have the building itself back. Additionally, members were excited to receive trees for Arbor Day.



Collection Development

Month: April 2024
Manager Name: Kari Wilson
Department: Technical Services / Collection Development
Items Added: 2,014
Top Charts: Top Easy Board Book title in April for each library

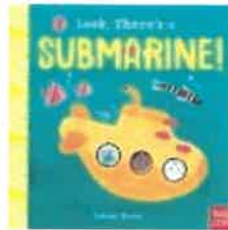
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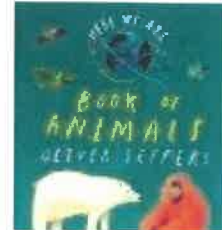
Bookmobile



Harrison



Hayden



Pinehurst



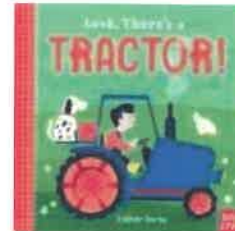
Post Falls



Rathdrum



Spirit Lake



Collection Highlight:



Newsletters – subscribe to our Spotlight newsletter, written by one of our collection staff members, to receive a monthly newsletter highlighting new titles on a variety of literacy topics. April's newsletter spotlighted some new titles in our collection relating to early learning literacy.

<https://www.libraryaware.com/95/Subscribers/Subscribe>

In April, Technical Services received 424 online material requests/suggestions from members; 343 were purchased, 49 were submitted as Interlibrary Loans, and 32 were unable to be filled.

April Media Coverage

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17 news articles

Harrison
Ani Matosian



Month: April 2024
Manager Name: Ani Matosian
Library: Harrison
Monthly Door Count: 999
New Cards Issued: 1 adult card, 2 minor
Total Circulation: 1,956
Study Room and Meeting Room Usage: N/A

April was bittersweet as we said goodbye to two families who were moving out of state. They each made a point of stopping in to say farewell. There may be no crying in baseball, but there were a few tears shed at the Harrison Library.

Staff saw an opportunity to do some spring cleaning & rearranging! The seating is now much more inviting & accessible to parents wanting to keep an eye on their toddlers during Storytime.



Hayden
Nick Madsen



Month: April 2024
Manager Name: Nick Madsen
Library: Hayden
Monthly Door Count: 13,891
New Cards Issued: 177
Total Circulation: 41,636
Meeting Room Usage:
 Patron Reservations: 27
 Patron Users: 722
 Staff Reservations: 9
 Staff Users: 32
Study Room Usage: 134



Each year, the Friends of the Community Library Network holds a large-scale book sale. Community volunteers and staff support the Friends and transform the high space into a used book paradise. A member of the Friends commented that this was the second highest grossing sale they have ever had! Over 550 folks attended over the two days, and we are so excited to see the community show up in force again to support our libraries.

On a smaller, but also exciting note, our library connected two unlikely readers this month. One of our long-time members orders many books through our courier and Inter Library Loan systems. One of her daughters then comes to the library to pick them up, as this member is mobility limited. Our member was interested in a book on a first-person account of the journeys of Magellan. She was excited to hear that we have it but was surprised that another member already had it checked out. "Who else would be reading it?" Our long-time member knew that we could not give her the other member's information, but she asked if there was a way to connect with this other mystery reader to discuss the book.

After asking for permission, I took down the name and number of our long-time member and sent that to the mystery reader who currently had the book checked out. When our long-time member called back a month later, it appears that the two were able to connect over the first-person account of Magellan. In fact, the two readers had tea together and discussed the resources they had both read and enjoyed.

As we find often, the library improves people's lives on a daily basis; sometimes in ways we would not expect.

Pinehurst

Brenda Ludwick



Month: April 2024
Manager Name: Brenda Ludwick
Library: Pinehurst
Monthly Door Count: 1,770
New Cards Issued: 15
Total Circulation: 8,208
Meeting Room Usage: 21 times Attendance: 192 members



We got a new love seat that matches the chairs we received last year thanks to a generous donation from one of our members. The member wished to remain anonymous but has been very generous to us over the years and we are very thankful for her continued support and for being able to serve her and her family. Pinehurst library is grateful to be able to serve our community and provide our families with a nice new place to sit and relax, maybe read a story with a grandchild, or to get some work done.

Pictured: Our new love seat, one of last year's chairs, George the umbrella tree and Paul the baby rubber plane, Ringo a spider plant is on the shelf next to the love seat.

Post Falls

Jennifer Craft



Month: April 2024
Manager Name: Jennifer Craft
Library: Post Falls Library
Monthly Door Count: 3,336 (staff and vendors)
New Cards Issued: 37
Total Circulation: 9,351 (renewals, Freegal, Overdrive, wireless use)
Meeting Room Usage: 1 reservation, 12 attendees

Post Falls Library staff were excited to begin offering limited services to the public on April 17, 2024. We have holds pick-up in the lobby, computers and printing, one-on-one tech help as needed, and a mini browsing library in Meeting Room 1. We restock the browsing library frequently to keep the selection fresh. Patrons can also take advantage of curbside holds pick-up and browse our volunteer-run bookstore, Twice Told Tales. We look forward to hosting small programs in Meeting Room 2 starting in May.



Holds



Mini Library



Mini Tech Room

Rathdrum

Charlotte Robertson-Limesand



Month: April 2024
Manager Name: Charlotte Robertson-Limesand
Library: Rathdrum
Monthly Door Count: 4,219
New Cards Issued: 42
Total Circulation: 13,041
Study Room and Meeting Room Usage:

Study Room:	31 meetings	65 people
Meeting Room: Adult	22 meetings	152 people
Meeting Room: Youth	15 meetings	327 people
Total	68 meetings	544 people

Charlotte started as manager on April 29, 2024.

Spirit Lake

Carol Ferguson



Month: April 2024
Manager Name: Carol Ferguson
Library: Spirit Lake Library
Monthly Door Count: 2,236
New Cards Issued: 6
Total Circulation: 6,299
Study Room Usage: 6
Meeting Room Usage: 264 people

Every month I attend our local chamber meeting. It is helpful for us to stay connected with our community and business owners. Our city is having problems with growth and infrastructure. We never seem to have a big enough sewer or enough wells for our town, and traffic concerns are growing.

Goal 1: Expand programs for adults and seniors and explore more intergenerational activities and learning.

Brad Sondahl performed again for us this month, continuing the songs and stories from last time. He always draws a crowd. Sondahl plays guitar and banjo, and this time he was accompanied by Dave Lorang on upright bass.



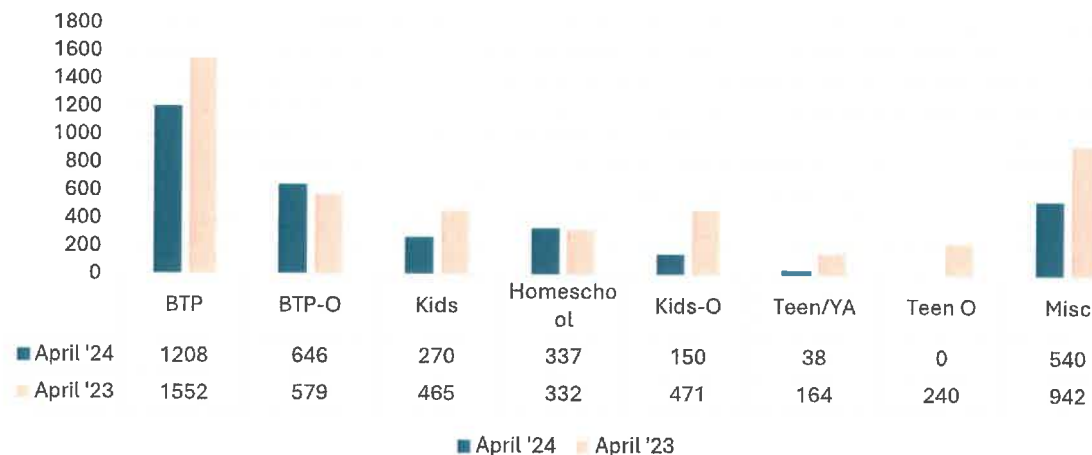
Youth Services

Month: April 2024

Coordinator Name: Karen Yother

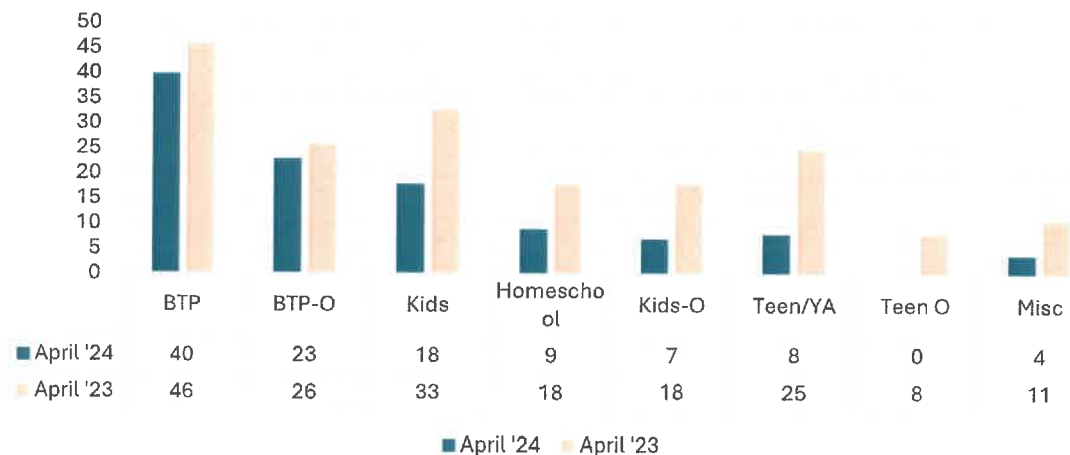
Department: Youth Services

Attendance



This month we saw 3,189 children and teens at programs, a 33% decrease over programs for the same month last year.

Programs



We offered 109 programs for April 2024, a 41% decrease from April 2023.

Public-facing prompt:

Our Rathdrum YS staff offered a story time about our Five Senses. The program was designed to cover each sense and the kids genuinely loved guessing which one I was going to use next. The highlight of the story time was the book, *I Hear a Pickle* by Rachel Isadora. The pickle part does not come until the very end, but the kids asked on each page, "What about the pickle?" Another highlight was using rhythm sticks for our hearing sense. A fabulous exercise not only for listening to the directions of the song but also to the various beats we used during the song. The most amazing part was that all of the parents participated as well!

We love to see children's vocabulary grow. Children who come to story time or who are read to consistently at home have such an amazing expansion of vocabulary. One of our Post Falls YS staff who is temporarily assigned to Hayden shared her favorite interaction this month with a little storytime friend who comes to all our library programs. He has the most incredible lexicon. A couple of weeks ago after story time he was talking to me about his new brother, his mother told him it was time to go. He turned to his mother and said, "Just a minute mom, I'm talking to my librarian." There are not a lot of three-year-olds who would have the word librarian in their vocabulary and understand the context. Because this sweet mother makes literacy such a priority at home, this little boy is gaining an expansive knowledge of words.

Library staffing prompt:

This month our Athol YS staff was able to step in for her coworkers. She had the pleasure of doing Libratory in Rathdrum, storytime in Pinehurst, Book Babies and Toddler Tales in Hayden and a preschool visit in Post Falls.

For Early Learning month we hosted play doh parties for children and caregivers, where families learned about the benefits of play doh and manipulatives that support child development. Stations included weights and measures, color matching, eye hand coordination, and opportunities for positive parent-child interactions.

Photos:



1. Five Senses storytime
2. Staff engaged with a teen at a program.

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MY TURN: Republics can be raucous

By

[MARIANNA COCHRAN/Guest Opinion](#)

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March 1, 2024 1:00 AM

Whether television, movies or actual life, courtroom drama often centers upon differing perceptions. Witnesses may see things differently, despite viewing the same scene. Real life often has a similar effect and can be just as dramatic.

I've attended and watched videos of the same Community Library Network (CLN) Board meetings which Pat Raffee excoriated in a Feb. 13 My Turn, but I have a completely different perception. Here's mine.

Last spring, Trustees Plass and Hanley campaigned on addressing sexually explicit books for minors, fiscal responsibility and transparency. Their tenure began having to spend the summer meetings tackling the director's unbalanced budget proposal.

Additionally, according to a 2022 compensation study, employee wages needed to be raised to be competitive. The new board deliberated these issues over several meetings, voted to raise staff wages and not raise property taxes. It was contentious and time-consuming, but with worthwhile outcomes.

Through last summer, while continuing to work on the budget, the board also wedged-in discussions to amend the Materials Selection Policy — as they had committed to the voters. Additional meetings were held because the board recognized the importance of maintaining this momentum.

To clarify, the board does not select or de-select specific materials from the library collection. Instead, they are responsible for the materials policy which guides selections. Revising those policies has significant and potentially litigious implications, so the conversations have been lengthy. Unsurprisingly, there is clear disagreement among the board, director and assistant director regarding policy revisions, so although time-consuming, it's important to hear the various perspectives.

What Ms. Raffee did not mention are a few relevant obstacles that have plagued the last several months of board meetings.

For example, the board had asked since August 2023 for new insurance quotes due to the unexpected drop in liability coverage from \$3M to \$500k by ICRMP, the existing government-run insurer. The library's director had only provided two of the three requested quotes, and neither

included full coverage option. This resulted in missed deadlines and having to renew with ICRMP's reduced liability coverage. After six months of board requests, a full coverage quote was obtained, enabling the board to meet their statutory duty to fully insure the district.

Another source of prolonged contention has been the board's multiple requests for periodic materials purchase lists. CLN is Idaho's second largest library consortium. As fiduciaries for CLN's formidable \$8.4 million annual budget, of which \$332,000 is allocated to new materials acquisition, having insight into what is purchased is wholly within the purview of library trustees.

Regarding the accusation that the board majority "manipulated" or is attempting to "micromanage" anything. To the contrary, they inquire, share input, state positions, and provide feedback. Then the entire board votes. That's exactly what they're tasked to do.

With the emergency that January's deep freeze and resulting floods has introduced, progress on the materials revisions has stalled again. Addressing the flood fallout is significant because it impacts staff employment, public inconvenience, costly and protracted restoration and has insurance implications. All these issues are within the scope of trustee responsibility. Would undebated unanimous agreement on these weighty issues be easier? Sure, but the easiest solutions aren't inherently the best.

As to criticism of the trustees for reading pre-prepared remarks, I admire elected officials who put forethought into their position and take the time to write it out to be concise and clear. That's respectful to their cohorts and the public. Does this mean they're not interested in others' input? Of course not.

Chair Ottosen has the challenging responsibility of keeping the meeting flowing and adjourning on time — no small task when there are five trustees, three staff, a treasurer and an attorney offering input. That sometimes entails concluding an agenda item when the allotted time has passed. If closure isn't achieved, the discussion is tabled which is standard operating procedure for civic meetings.

Ms. Raffee criticizes the board majority that they "rarely cooperate." It's absurd to expect them to be in lockstep. They would be accused of collusion if they were. Each trustee brings a unique background, a distinctive communication style, and their own viewpoint. So, their perspectives vary. Republics are boisterous and sometimes tense, but they are the best political construct — even when there's robust disagreement.

I do agree with Ms. Raffee on one thing: if you are unable to attend any of these meetings, watch a few and judge for yourself. Then, you needn't rely on her turn or my turn of events.

[YouTube/CommunityLibraryNetwork](https://www.youtube.com/CommunityLibraryNetwork)

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Marianna Cochran is a Rathdrum resident.

Library leaders react to 'Protection Act'

Entities in violation
could incur fines,
other penalties

By DEVIN WEEKS
Staff Writer

Gov. Brad Little signed House Bill 710 into law Wednesday morning.

Also called the "Children's School and Library Protection Act," the law prohibits those who work in schools and public libraries to make available to minors books, pictures and other materials depicting nudity, sexual conduct or sado-masochistic abuse.

"I share the cosponsors' desire to keep truly inappropriate library materials out of the hands of minors," Little wrote in a letter to legislators. "That said, I still believe a greater harm confronts our children — content accessible to them on their phones and devices."

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Prior to signing the bill, Little's office received 4,923 emails and 2,227 phone calls in opposition of the legislation as well as 1,297 calls and 2,954 emails in favor, press secretary Madison Hardy confirmed.

"This is my personal opinion and does not necessarily reflect the rest of the board, but I opposed this legislation,"

Jim Windisch, chair of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library's



Windisch

board of trustees, said Wednesday evening.

"Many books written for teens deal with heavy issues including abusive relationships, drug use and self-harm," Windisch said. "These are the books that are most often brought up as having material some feel is inappropriate. However, those books can save lives. Reading about those issues can inspire young adults to recognize those problems in their friend groups or in their own lives so they can get the needed help."

Windisch said this law does not honor personal responsibility or parental rights. He said the Coeur d'Alene library gives new cardholders welcome packets that include a guide for parents and caregivers, which is also prominently linked in the policy section of the library's website, cdalibrary.org. The guide explains how to manage access to materials by using one library card as a family or using online access to a minor's account to monitor what is checked out, Windisch said.

"In addition, a minor must have parental permission to get their own library card," he said. "These safeguards put parents in control of what was appropriate for their individual family."

According to the new law, school and library staff members who provide youths



DEVIN WEEKS/Press

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under 18 with materials deemed to be "harmful to minors" will be at risk of incurring \$250 fines and other potential consequences. The law goes into effect July 1. Windisch said the Coeur d'Alene Public Library has had a book challenge/relocation policy for many years. It was updated in May 2022 following the last time books were challenged.

"At that time, we tried to streamline the policy to make the process easier," he said. "The new law forces us to go back to a process with more steps, but a short timeline in which to complete those. In my opinion, this is legislation made by people who are far removed from the management of local libraries. Trustees and library staff already have policies and practices in place that allow families to manage what their children check out while

still allowing access to a wide range of materials that represent viewpoints and experiences of all community members."

He said the biggest benefit of this new legislation is that it makes people aware of library policies for challenging books.

"Over the past three years, we have had people coming to board meetings to read passages from books they deem inappropriate. Only once has someone followed the challenge policy to review books they shared with the board," Windisch said. "Following book challenge procedures allows everyone involved, from the person objecting to the book to library staff and trustees, to gather information, share perspectives and come to an informed decision."

"I think using the process set in policy will be more productive than

the theatrics of reading a passage out loud in a public meeting," he said.

Violations of the new law will include distributing objectionable materials to minors and failing to restrict minors' access to the objectionable materials. Requests to relocate such materials to adults-only locations must be made in writing to the school or library 30 days before legal action is taken.

Windisch said the biggest negatives of the new law come with the requirements of having to create an "adults only" section of the library and allowing for legal action against the library if a book that has had its challenge accepted is found outside that "adults only" section.

"We will need to figure out the best way to manage those requirements," he said.

Community Library Network Director Alexa Eccles, who oversees

seven libraries and a Bookmobile throughout North Idaho, said she doesn't believe any materials owned by the Community Library Network meet this new library law's definition of "harmful to minors."

Eccles said the Community Library Network prefers to be ahead of or in front of library and community issues, and as the Idaho Legislature has been discussing minors and libraries for three years, she is not surprised by a new law and refined definitions.

She said the CLN has a long history of working with concerned community members and parents to ensure children have access to suitable library materials.



Eccles

"Seen as a statewide leader within the library community, last year, CLN began offering tiered minor access library cards and created a teen collection just for 13- to 15-year-olds in addition to a collection for young adults aged 16 to 18," she said, adding that public libraries nationwide typically offer only a singular collection for all teens, ages 13 to 18.

"I am proud that CLN listens and is very responsive to our local community members. We are stronger and a better library district because of it," Eccles said. "I anticipate the board and staff will continue taking a thoughtful, innovative and positive approach to implementation. The new law is certainly an opportunity to see changes in libraries around Idaho."

Bill Buley contributed to this article.

School grants, student pronouns, library books among big bills of Idaho legislative session

By REBECCA BOONE
Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho lawmakers spent much of an unexpectedly long and sometimes contentious legislative session focusing on bills targeting LGBTQ+ residents by limiting health care and reading materials and installing protections for teachers who don't use the pronouns transgender students use.

They also passed a bill that allows the state to spend \$2 billion to address dilapidated public school buildings and

other school facility needs across the state. And lawmakers approved Gov. Brad Little's Idaho LAUNCH program, which provides grants for state high school graduates to help cover the cost of training for an in-demand career at an Idaho college, technical program or workforce training provider. Another bill that would have used public taxpayer funds to subsidize private education tuition was narrowly defeated.

Legislative leaders originally aimed to wrap the session up in March, but a dispute over the Idaho Transportation

Department budget made the work stretch into April. The 2024 session came to a close Wednesday afternoon.

Here's a look at some of the bills that made it to the governor's desk this session:

GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE AND PRONOUNS

Idaho's strongly Republican Legislature has passed several bills targeting LGBTQ+ residents in recent years, and the 2024 session was no different. Last year, lawmakers passed a law banning gender-

affirming care for minors, which a federal judge has put on hold while a lawsuit is underway. This year, lawmakers passed a bill banning the use of any public funds for gender-affirming care for anyone, adults or minors.

The law was signed by the governor in late March and is set to take effect July 1. It prevents state employees who use employer-provided health insurance and adults covered by Medicaid from

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obtaining gender-affirming care. Idaho is at least the 10th state to ban Medicaid funding for gender-affirming care for people of all ages, according to the advocacy and information organization Movement Advancement Project.

Opponents have said the law will almost certainly prompt federal litigation.

The Legislature also passed a bill that prevents public employees from being required to address someone using their pronouns. The bill also bars teachers from using names or pronouns for students that don't align with the name or gender the student was assigned at birth, unless the teacher has parental consent. Teachers who are disciplined for refusing to use the name or pronoun a transgender or gender-nonconforming student uses will be able to sue their school district when the law goes into effect July 1.

LIBRARIES

The governor signed a bill that will require school and public libraries to move material deemed "harmful to minors" to an adults-only section or face lawsuits. The bill is similar to one vetoed by Little last year. If a community member complains that a book is harmful to minors, the library has 60 days to address it or children or their parents can sue the facility for \$250 in damages. The new law uses Idaho's current definition of "obscene materials," which includes any act of homosexuality.

In a letter to the Legislature, Little said he shares the desire to keep "truly inappropriate library materials out of the hands of minors" but he said was disappointed lawmakers didn't to more to protect children from "the harms of social media."

The Idaho Library Association warned that the law uses vague and subjective definitions of what constitutes material

that is harmful to minors and said it could result in significantly limited access to information for the public.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public education has long been one of the governor's priorities, and two of his major education goals won support in the Legislature this year: funding improvements for run-down and sometimes dangerous public school buildings and a grant program for high school graduates that aims to bolster the state workforce.

During his State of the State address in January, Little described some of the neglected public school buildings around the state, including one where he said raw sewage was seeping into a space under the cafeteria. Idaho's school facilities are largely funded through property taxes, which means school districts must rely on voter-approved levies for big maintenance or expansion projects. The funding scheme means schools in lower-income areas or with voters unwilling to approve additional spending measures are left with leaky roofs and other maintenance woes.

The Legislature approved \$2 billion in spending over the next 10 years to address those issues, about \$1.5 billion of it in new funding.

The Idaho LAUNCH program also won support from a majority of lawmakers. The program provides grants of up to \$8,000 to as many as 10,000 Idaho high school graduates. The money must be used to cover tuition at an Idaho college, university or technical school or other workforce training program. To be eligible, students must be preparing for one of more than 200 "in-demand careers." The list of eligible careers includes a wide variety of job titles including firefighters, accountants, mental health workers, nuclear monitoring technicians and lyricists or poets.

More than 13,500 people have applied or started applications for the grant program, according to the governor's office.

Readers Write

FBI: Came through for North Idaho

For all the negative sentiment our government engenders, especially around these parts and including by myself at times, I'm sure glad they had our backs on this one. A big thank you to our FBI folks!

MORGAN FORD
Coeur d'Alene

KCRCC: A word to fellow conservatives

To all my fellow Kootenai County Republican conservatives who have issues with the happenings recently at places like NIC, Community Libraries and the assessor's office, please take a minute and go to www.northidahorepublicans.org and review the candidate for precinct office for your precinct.

With everyone's help we can change the reckless, authoritarian way the current KCRCC is managed.

MICHAEL GILLESPIE
Coeur d'Alene

MIRROR: Suggestion for column writer

Here is the first line of Brent Regan's column last Friday.

"It seems like our governments are populated with sociopaths that would rather blow up our institutions and economy than give power back to the people."

Look in the mirror, Brent! It's just common sense.

DUNCAN BELL
Rathdrum

HART: Voters can do better — much better

In 2022, voters in Idaho's District 2 had NO choice in who they wanted to represent them in the Idaho State Senate. That's because there was only one name on the ballot. Phil Hart ran unopposed and was elected despite a long history of misconduct and fraud.

Hart stopped filing both federal and state income tax returns in 1996. When he was unsuccessful in bringing suit against the IRS and was ordered to sell his Athol home to pay his debt, he attempted to avoid losing it with a string of bankruptcy filings and false claims that other people owned the home.

A 2015 article in the Spokesman-Review reported: "This is the same home for which Hart illegally cut trees from state school endowment land in 1976 maintaining that as a citizen he had a right to take the logs for free."

In 2018, Hart fraudulently tried to run for the legislature in District 7 when he didn't reside in the area.

Just last month, Hart was the ONLY state senator to vote against a recent senate resolution denouncing racism in Idaho, following an incident where several Black members of a Utah women's basketball team were harassed in Coeur d'Alene.

Idaho deserves better. On the 2024 ballot, voters will have a choice. Harrison resident Tom Hearn is challenging Hart to represent the citizens of District 2, not only by supporting the issues that are

most important to them, but by doing so ethically, lawfully, and with only service to community in mind. Tom Hearn is the choice Idaho needs.

KATHY JUDSON
DeSmet
District 2

INCIDENT: Can't have too much coverage

Thank you for the continued coverage of the incident of the blatant harassment of a group of basketball players visiting Coeur d'Alene. This is a moment that we all need to pay attention to and unfortunately is not an isolated incident as validated by tribal members who gathered last week for the Shawls in Solidarity March.

Awareness and keeping up the momentum of promoting respect for others is the responsibility of citizens who want to shape our community in a positive way. This incident was more than the canary in the coal mine warning sign for our community to step up, build momentum, and respond in ways to not let North Idaho's reputation be marred again as it was in the past. With respect to racist incidents in our community, silence is not golden.

CLAUDIA MIEWALD
Coeur d'Alene

TREACHERY: Tolstoy, Nightingale and Twain

In April 1910, Comet Halley lighted the heavens. Three famous authors died that year.

Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) wrote "War and Peace" (1869) on the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1816). "The truth is that the State is a conspiracy designed not only to exploit, but above all to corrupt its citizens."

Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was the founder of modern nursing and witnessed the horrors of the Crimean War (1853-1856). She was saddened by incompetent leadership. Famous is the military disaster in "Charge of the Light Brigade" (Tennyson, 1854).

Mark Twain (1835-1910) wrote, "There is no good government at all and none possible." "Who are the oppressed? The many: The nations of the earth; the valuable; they that make the bread that the soft-handed and idle eat."

How would the three have reacted if they had lived to have witnessed the global conflict of World War I (1914-1918) and its "sequel," World War II (1939-1945)?

Currently we get concerned when we hear, "they are crazy back in Washington." Perhaps that is the polite way to say that many political leaders may be sociopaths, psychopaths or extreme narcissists?

Unlike the 1910 Comet, modern astronomy software predicts comet, constellation and planet positions. It is like a "Gospel of the Heavens!"

Fascinating are the intersections of the total eclipses of 2017 and April 2024 with the partial eclipse of 2023. They form the Ancient Hebrew "Alef" and "Taw" (cross) of Prophet Ezekiel's time (570 B.C.); or "the first and the last" — said of CHRIST!

There is Hope! "The heavens declare the glory of GOD..." (Psalm 19).

JIM PEARL, geologist
Hayden

IDAHO: The antidote to racist elements

Like so many citizens here in Coeur d'Alene, I am fed up and furious with what happened to the Utah team while visiting here.

I've heard far too many people in recent days say, "That's just Idaho for you." Well, let me tell you some facts about Idaho.

In 1914, we were the first state in America to elect a Jewish governor.

When four college kids were murdered in Moscow, it was Idahoans who called in massive amounts of tips to the FBI.

It was a waitress at Denny's who spotted a murderer, Joseph Duncan, and called the police.

It was a local employee who saw a U-Haul filled with a militia.

It was a powerful group of locals like Tony Stewart, and others, who showed the Aryans the exit door.

Yes, we are fully aware of our painful racist past. But please know that there are a lot of truly fine people in Idaho, who are deeply committed to holding people accountable for causing harm to anyone who visits or lives here.

SARA FERRIS
Coeur d'Alene

PRESS: Fact-check letters to the editor

Published letters to the editor should reflect the views of various segments of the community. I understand that and respect it even if I am pulling my hair out during or after reading some.

I do believe all letters should be reviewed for accuracy prior to publication. Perhaps a somewhat daunting task but essential.

A letter to the editor in Sunday's paper caused me to write this.

A person I do not know expressed her objection to a proposed hotel on Sherman Avenue. That is her right and demonstrated her knowledge on the proposal. However, she questioned why the city council would unanimously approve it. This is where The Press should have clarified her letter.

This action was not by the city council but by the Design Review Commission. This commission does not review the zoning but rather the design in accordance with their code. Simply not liking the look of the building is not a valid justification and certainly could result in a lawsuit against the city.

Further, if a building is being reviewed by the Design Review Commission then it complies with zoning and no city council review is necessary, although an appeal to the City Council can be filed by a person. At a time when much of our government is not trusted by some citizens, accuracy in publishing is essential even if it is only a clarifying note by The Press after a specific letter.

I am writing this only as a citizen of Kootenai County and my personal concern for all efforts to improve citizens' trust in all levels of government.

PHIL WARD
Coeur d'Alene

Spring Book Sale at Hayden Library April 26-27

It is nearly time for the annual Friends of the Community Library Network Spring Book Sale at the Hayden Library.

The sale will be from 3 to 7 p.m. April 26 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 27. A wide variety of genres will be available for purchase, including fiction, nonfiction, history, literature, cooking, do-it-yourself projects and more.

A large inventory of Native American historical and cultural books, as well as books on railroads, aircraft, sailing, photography, construction, quilting and horses will also be featured. Donations include many rare, collectible books and sets of "Great Courses" and "Great Books of the Western World." All books are clean and in excellent condition.

The Friends of the

Community Library Network is a volunteer, not-for-profit group that meets from 1 to 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Proceeds from book sales will support programs for children, teens and adults at local libraries within the Community Library Network. The network encompasses seven libraries and a Bookmobile.

The Hayden Library is at 8385 N. Government Way.



The annual Friends of the Community Library Network Spring Book Sale will be April 26-27 at the Hayden Library.

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VIGIL: Invitation to all residents

We are writing to invite the community to a vigil in response to the racial incident involving the University of Utah women's basketball team. As a group of concerned citizens, we feel a larger response from our community is needed to let the team, as well as people in our community, come together in support and love to combat the hate that was directed toward them.

With the history of hate we have here in Idaho, and with the increasing number of people moving here who are unfamiliar with this history, we would like to take a stand against the very insidious nature of racism and the trauma it causes. We'd like to invite everyone in the community to join us in taking a stand against hate. We hope you'll please spread the word of our vigil that will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in McEuen Park behind the Coeur d'Alene library.

We will hear some words from Stu Cabe, renowned teacher of anti-bullying tactics and climate culture positivity. Then we'll walk silently through the park before pausing to reflect on the egregious incident involving the University of Utah's women's basketball team. Please bring signs.

NORTH IDAHO UNITED
Coeur d'Alene

ROOSEVELT: Offer to purchase, preserve

It was with much dismay that I read the article about the potential development of the Roosevelt Inn. I speak as someone with over 15 years experience in restoring and renovating historic properties across the upper Midwest and western U.S.

I personally toured this property with the intent to make an offer last year. My primary plan was to refurbish the existing building, keep it as a functioning hotel/B&B, and create a restaurant on the main floor.

Another avenue is creating residential housing, single family or multi-family. Both of these scenarios would keep the existing charm and character, and actually enhance it, with exterior and interior period restoration. I have extensive experience with these two options, and a portfolio to prove that it's a viable model and investment strategy.

After my tour, I was in the range of asking price, but was discouraged from making a formal offer by a pending developer deal "almost complete." And also, by the looming development of the vacant land directly behind the Inn.

I would be eager and willing to revisit this, and put together an offer to purchase and restore this wonderful building.

ERIK J. STADSTAD
Coeur d'Alene

WOMEN: Nation turns its backs on us

What is happening to our country?

Banning books, arresting librarians if they don't move a book within an allotted time, teachers if they use the wrong pronoun, doctors/nurses if they assist in abortion in which woman's life is in danger, yet, a judge can decide that her life really wasn't in danger so you can arrest the doctor/nurse?

If you help someone go to another state to get an abortion, you can be arrested. People getting paid to report someone who has gotten an abortion. Women and their medical care are now at the mercy of politicians and judges who have no medical training.

Some states are going back to laws passed in the 1860s. Not allowing an abortion for rape or incest victims which in essence gives carte blanche to men to rape and have women carry their child.

Has no one thought of a 10-year-old being pregnant who has been raped by her father? Her body isn't even ready to carry a child. Her bones are still growing!

Line up 10 girls and at least one is being sexually abused by a family member. Incest is one of the best kept family secrets. No one reports it or someone in the family knows about it, but does nothing.

The death rate of women from pregnancy is increasing. In 2019, the maternal mortality rate was 20 per 100,000 and in 2021 it was 40 per 100,000, so in two years, the rate doubled.

Some states want to revoke child labor laws. As a woman, I am now a second-class human being. Am I doomed to have other laws that restrict me from owning property or being property? Be afraid, be very afraid.

JUANA PERLEY
Coeur d'Alene

POLIO: Seeking support for all the children

This year is the 50th anniversary of routine immunization campaigns that have reduced child mortality by 80% and saved over a billion lives. But 1.5 million people still die annually of vaccine preventable diseases, and the pandemic disrupted the process of routine immunizations — 67 million children around the world missed their routine vaccines as a result, putting their health and lives at risk.

Polio vaccines in particular are of critical importance. Polio infections can lead to paralysis and, in 5-10% of cases, death. As a polio survivor myself, who still remembers my classmates who were paralyzed before the development of the vaccine, I believe that every child deserves to be protected.

Success in eradicating polio forever from our world is very close. In 1988, there were 350,000 cases in 125 countries;

only 12 cases of wild poliovirus were confirmed in 2023.

Access to vaccines in low-resource countries will prevent the spread of diseases like polio to the United States. As long as one person remains infected, all unvaccinated individuals are at risk of contracting polio. But we can eradicate this disease, as long as the resources and vaccines to immunize children in its last holdouts are made available.

You can help by advocating for lifesaving vaccines by contacting Senators Risch and Crapo and Representative Fulcher to ask for full funding of the global childhood immunization programs for the 2025 budget. The proposed budget will cover the development of new vaccines and providing vaccines to low-resource countries and help us finally create a polio-free world.

LORNA SCHUMANN
Post Falls

COMMUNIST: One party meets list of goals

On Jan. 10, 1963, a list of "Current Communist Goals" was entered into the Congressional Record by Rep. A.S. Herlong Jr. of Florida, alerting the public to the dangers of communism in America.

Of the 45 listed goals presented in the record, I have listed here only a portion.

"Capture one or both political parties in the United States"

"Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions"

"Get control of the schools"

"Infiltrate the press"

"Gain control of key positions in radio, TV and motion pictures"

"Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV"

"Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate and out of step with modern needs"

"Discredit the American founding fathers"

"Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as 'normal nature, healthy'"

"Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with 'social' religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a 'Religious' crutch."

"Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in schools"

"Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents"

"Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies"

"Discredit the family as an institution"

"Do away with all loyalty oaths"

Now, which of the two main political parties in the United States has embraced these ideals?

KEITH FRANKLIN
Coeur d'Alene

OPINION: Morality police won this round

Idaho has an interesting history of occasionally using the power of government for or against religion. Fortunately, when all is said and done, we usually come back to the concept that the power of government should not be used to advance or target particular religions or religious dogma.

And so it will eventually be with legislation like House Bill 710, which seeks to use religious beliefs to

purge certain books from the shelves of Idaho's school and other public libraries.

The Constitution that Idahoans adopted upon statehood in 1890 was replete with shameful discriminatory provisions targeted at the Mormon Church. Under Article VI, section 3, its members could not "vote, serve as a juror, or hold any civil office."

Over time, Idahoans came to their senses and removed these ugly constitutional provisions.



Jim Jones

but not forcing religious beliefs upon the population.

The great majority of Idahoans trust Gem State librarians with book selection. Despite

We returned to the concept that the government should stay neutral in the religious realm — allowing religious freedom

any evidence that they have violated that trust, religious zealots in the Legislature were finally successful this year in getting legislation passed to second-guess them. So much for keeping government decision-making closest to the people.

Why trust locally-elected school and library boards to reflect community values when we can turn to the morality champions, Representatives Mike Moyle and Jaron Crane,

to make those decisions?

Those exalted legislators had the guiding hand of Christian nationalist Blaine Konzatti and his morality police at the Idaho Family Policy Center to lay the groundwork. Based on his mistaken belief that public libraries were dishing out smut to kids, Konzatti launched his crusade against books with any sexual content that ran afoul of his religious views.

He as much as

admitted that HB 710 was primarily intended to intimidate librarians into self-censoring books that he deemed impure. He crowed that the \$250 bounty, plus attorney fees and costs, for refusing to move targeted books would drive up liability insurance costs for libraries. Librarians have been fretting over the cost of trying to fend off the frivolous purge demands that we all know are coming.

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There is one important lesson I've learned from over five decades of legal and political experience — there is usually a way to overcome adversity. There is a path to righting the damage that will result from HB 710. We just need to buckle down and make it happen.

Everyone who can should vote for reasonable, civil and pragmatic Republicans in the GOP primary election on May 21 and replace the culture warriors who have made our libraries dangerous conflict zones. Unaffiliated voters may register to vote in the Republican primary on election day. Additional culture war extremists can be voted out in the

November general election.

The Open Primaries Initiative will be on the November ballot and it is essential that it be approved in order to break the stranglehold that extremists currently have over the electoral process in Idaho. That will eliminate a number of the book-banning, gay-bashing culture warriors from public office for the long term, while facilitating eventual repeal of the book removal law.

In the meantime, librarians must be on the lookout for a good test case to bring before the courts to test the application of HB 710. I'm confident that pro bono attorneys and expert witnesses will be found to defend a library's refusal to take a worthy book off of the shelves.

The party demanding

the removal of the book will have the burden of proving the book is harmful to minors, whatever that means. Expert witness testimony will be important and costly for both sides.


If the complaining party fails to prove the case for removal, it could face having to pay the library's costs and fees, in addition to its own. A hefty cost and fee award for a frivolous case could eliminate a vast number of the removal demands that HB 710 can be expected to produce.

So, despite the fact that Mr. Conzatti's forces have won this chapter of the battle, the final chapter can have a happy ending where Idaho returns to the traditional concept that our government must remain neutral in the religious realm.

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PF, Athol libraries resume limited services

Facilities update on Thursday meeting agenda

By DEVIN WEEKS
Staff Writer

The Post Falls and Athol libraries will begin offering limited services today following three months of closures brought on by building damage from severe winter weather and flooding in January.

Services will include one-on-one staff assistance, internet and Wi-Fi access, book browsing and hold

pickup. The Community Library Network Bookmobile will be at the Athol Library, 30399 Third St. The lobby and meeting room at the Post Falls Library, 821 N. Spokane St., will be used to provide these services.

“This reopening represents a significant step forward in restoring essential resources and community access to library facilities,” Library Director Alexa

Eccles said in a Monday news release. “We are committed to serving the community, even in the face of adversity.”

These efforts underscore the library’s dedication to meeting the needs of its patrons despite challenges and maintaining its role as a vital resource within the community, the news release said.

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Water pours from the ceiling of the Post Falls Library in January after freezing weather ruptured the pipes and sprinkler system. Post Falls and Athol libraries, which have been closed for months due to weather damage, will resume limited services today. A facilities update is on the agenda for Thursday’s meeting of the Community Library Network’s board of trustees.

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The CLN has contracted with Hayden-based Compass Construction to make repairs to allow the libraries to resume full services as soon as possible. The library district's insurance provider, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, is expected to cover all construction repair costs, which are nearly \$700,000. Athol's repairs costs are estimated at \$197,000 and Post Falls repairs are estimated at \$504,000.

"While insurance coverage for construction repair costs alleviates some financial burden, the cost of replacing all damaged items remains a significant concern," Eccles said.

The uncertainty surrounding this adds to the challenges faced by the Community Library Network in restoring full functionality to its

"... the cost of replacing all damaged items remains a significant concern."

ALEXA ECCLES, library director

services. Efforts to address the issue have included fundraising book sales and may

involve seeking additional funding sources or exploring cost-saving measures to mitigate the impact on the library's budget.

Post Falls limited library services hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Bookmobile service hours at Athol will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

A facilities update for the Athol and Post Falls libraries is on the agenda for the board of trustees' regular



Eccles

meeting scheduled 2 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hayden Library, 8385 N. Government Way.

The update is one of more than 20 items on the agenda, which also includes: a five-minute discussion about the implementation date of the updated personnel policy and holidays; a 20-minute discussion about the materials selection, acquisition, withdrawal and reconsideration policies; discussion on delivery of legal reports, 15 minutes; periodic acquisition reports and the cost of a customized program, 15 minutes; a 20-minute discussion on taking minutes; and 30 minutes for public comment, which will later be followed by a five-minute response to public comment.

What is a precinct committeeman?

By DEAN HAAGENSON
Guest Opinion

Kootenai County is divided into 73 election precincts. It is within your precinct that you vote for a president, senator, congressman, state senator, state representative and for a precinct committeeman.

A precinct committeeman is a representative to and a member of the county party central committee. The Democratic Party elects precinct committeemen for each of the 73 precincts who

together form the party's county central committee which becomes the official party organ for the county. The central committee also elects representatives to the state central committee. The same is, of course, true for the Republican Central Committee.

A function of each central committee is to support their party's nominee in a general election. It has been the rule, and until recently the case, that the parties would be neutral regarding competing

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party members in a primary election and then support the primary winner in the coming general election.

However, things have changed within the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (KCRCC) under the leadership of Chairman Brent Regan.

In recent election cycles, the Republican Central Committee has endorsed a

slate of selected, "vetted" candidates urging voters to support the candidates chosen by the official Republican party. To the poorly informed and particularly new residents, this seems like a good bet; they are Republicans after all.

The problem is the selected and "vetted" slate has been shown to be frequently unqualified, of questionable character and only committed to vote in lockstep with Brent Regan.

The KCRCC has become a

cult. The selected candidates have caused turmoil and serious damage to various boards and commissions including North Idaho College, Community Library Network and West Bonner County School District. It turns out the only qualification for endorsement by the KCRCC is unthinking loyalty to Brent Regan and his circle of minions.

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We can study candidates and resist buying into the KCRCC candidates, and we should. However, to put a stop to the threats to our community, the makeup of the central committee must be changed by electing precinct committeemen who are conservative but not crazy and who wish to preserve our community by electing thoughtful and public-spirited representatives at

every level.

You can help. Precinct committeemen are elected in a primary election. The next one will be held May 21. Engaging in this election is your right and duty, and thankfully, it's easier than ever.

Absentee ballots can be requested with a simple visit to www.idahovotes.gov. Fill out the information and you will ensure your voice is heard. This is not just about casting a vote; it's about wielding your power to shape the future direction of our

community and party.

If you are a Republican and are interested in righting the ship, please investigate the candidates running for your precinct. You can find traditional candidates to support by visiting the North Idaho Republicans website.

Now is the time to engage and vote as if the precinct committeeman is the most important race on the ballot ... because it is.

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Dean Haagenson is a founding member of North Idaho Republicans.

When leaders don't obey laws

Www.Merriam-webster.com/dictionary defines anarchy as "lawlessness or political disorder due to the absence of governmental authority."

Community Library Network Chair Rachelle Ottosen and Vice Chair Tom Hanley are flirting with anarchy when they let attorney Colton Boyles avoid verbalizing legal advice. Boyles is

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risking anarchy when he shirks his ethical obligations to his client.

Ottosen and Hanley too often don't abide by the law. Boyles evades upholding the law. Because the rule of law is what separates chaos from anarchy, this situation must be challenged.

Two Idaho statutes are foundational for elected officials and counsel: the Ethics in Government Act, requiring public officials' honesty and impartiality, and the Open Meeting Law, requiring that public business be conducted in public.

Library Director Alexa Eccles is scrupulously attentive to legal matters. Her diligence is high as she negotiates with underwriters, reviews contractor bids, accepts donations and considers staff and patron safety while planning repairs to the Athol and Post Falls libraries.

But too often, Ms. Eccles also has to monitor and safeguard the board's legal actions. Why? Because attorney Boyles does not reliably do it.

Ottosen, Hanley and trustee Tim Plass actively try to circumvent the law. Ottosen and Plass have tried to remove Director Eccles' remarks from meeting minutes. They want to redact some of their own comments from the public record.

Along with Hanley, the three push to change insurance vendors even as they refuse to have Boyles design an impartial, transparent selection process.

For months, Plass has said the public has

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no right to know Boyles' advice to CLN. Plass wants legal discussions to occur only in executive session (unlawful except in a few instances) or given in writing without being available to the public (which violates multiple laws).

Director Eccles and trustees Vanessa Robinson and Katie Blank object to the secrecy. They regularly prod the attorney to voice his guidance. A trained paralegal, Ms. Robinson's questions help Boyles convey his thoughts more explicitly when he does speak.

Boyles remained silent when Ottosen ordered the director not to put legal matters on meeting agendas without her approval. Later, Ottosen decreed the director could not request any legal work without pre-approval

by the board majority. Boyles cautioned against Ottosen's directives only after Ms. Eccles said if he did not, he would be guilty of negligence.

Now, Boyles has begun interacting mostly with Ottosen, Hanley and Plass. This is highly unethical: the Community Library Network is represented by the full board and the director. Idaho law binds them as a group, and directs them to make decisions as a group, in public.

After evidence the board majority had been making private decisions illegally, Ms. Blank and Ms. Robinson insisted the board meet specifically to review Open Meeting Law requirements. That was scheduled for March 28 and Boyles agreed to participate. Vice Chair Hanley ran the meeting.

Hanley stunned everyone when he announced he had instructed Boyles not to attend. Could there be a more obvious signal of

Hanley's contempt for the law?

And just how qualified for legal work is Boyles when he allows himself to be used in Hanley's power game? Idaho Code 3-201 (1) directs attorneys to support Idaho's laws and 3-201 (4) requires attorneys to be truthful.

Trustees should hold Mr. Boyles accountable or seek more articulate and capable counsel. Despite his passivity, Boyles has billed more than \$35,000 the first six months of this fiscal year. CLN's full year legal budget is \$47,000.

CLN officers are elected in June.

Current officers Ottosen and Hanley have incompetently led CLN for 10 months. Both have taken lawless actions and they've allowed Plass to oppose legal compliance. During an unprecedented property damage crisis, Ottosen has limited time on library business but inserted culture war items into meeting agendas.

Ottosen, Hanley and

Plass have so often expressed their bias in favor of one vendor that it's critically important that CLN applies a transparent selection process with objective criteria, so any final insurance decision is legally sound.

Community leaders and library users, please contact trustees. Tell them you expect everyone, including their attorney, to follow Idaho law. <https://communitylibrary.net/board/#board-contact>

Voters casting May primary ballots, please factor into your choices the devastation some "rated and vetted" officials have brought us. Candidates of integrity are willing to serve again.

Let's return ethical, legally responsible leaders to public offices everywhere. We must prevent our community from falling into further anarchy.

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Pat Raffee began observing North Idaho governments in 1992.

CLN votes for sparse notes

Note taking, prep
for budget season
discussed

By DEVIN WEEKS
Staff Writer

Staff will be expected to present the board with a balanced budget and pare down notes taken at Community Library Network meetings following actions taken at Thursday's three-and-a-half-hour meeting at the Hayden Library. Chair Rachelle Ottosen said it would be less divisive, easier to

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search and there would be fewer corrections in the minutes if they were taken per protocols laid out by the Idaho Commission for Libraries, Robert's Rules and Idaho Counties Risk Management Program's risk management specialist Jim McNall during his December 2022 presentation on the subject to the board.

"Minutes are supposed to be a record of what was done, not what was said," Ottosen said, adding they should include a brief summary of dry facts regarding what was done, why it was done and names of those who make motions.

The board unanimously voted in favor. Trustee Katie Blank was absent from the meeting.

"I would assume that after this motion is voted on, our minutes after this still might be done in a way where a trustee might have an issue with it, maybe there's still too much information or not enough information," Trustee Vanessa Robinson said.

She also pointed out that suggestions from the ICFL have been questioned by trustees in the past.

"I don't know if it's OK to pick and choose what we go by, according to the Idaho Commission for Libraries, and then we just throw other things

aside that they suggest," Robinson said. "I do have a bit of an issue with that. I don't know if it's good to pick and choose."

Ottosen responded she chose ICFL note-taking guidelines because they are reflective of Robert's Rules and McNall's recommendations, so it would be easier to use one source to follow rather than many.

The paring down of notes will also mean public comment will be summarized in a sentence with the speaker's name.

The board will soon begin working on the network's financials as budget season looms. Ottosen moved for staff to present the board with a budget draft that is balanced to the best of their professional knowledge and ability, and to include a supplemental list of staff wants.

"I sure don't want a repeat of dealing with last year's unheard of unbalanced budget, it caused a lot of unnecessary upheaval in the community and on the board," Ottosen said. "After we get a balanced budget, the board can alter that in whatever way that the majority feels is fit and they have the final say, but we need a proper foundation to springboard from and not cause the terrible upheaval that we had last year."

Robinson said she believes the budget is supposed to come to the board uneven so the board does what



DEVIN WEEKS/Press

From left, Trustees Tim Plass, Rachelle Ottosen, Tom Hanley and Vanessa Robinson discuss Community Library Network business Thursday during a regular meeting at the Hayden Library.

it's expected to do and shave off funds to supplement items that are lacking. Ottosen said it always used to come to the board balanced.

"Just for context, back in those days ... they always took the extra 3%, which is one reason that they always were presented with a balanced budget," Robinson said, adding that COVID lockdowns happened and a surplus of money was received, the library network began taking

0% tax increases and implemented pay raises, all contributing to budgetary factors.

According to Idaho Code, taxing districts are allowed to increase the portion their budgets are funded by property taxes by 3% plus a factor for growth.

Ottosen and Trustees Tom Hanley and Tim Plass voted in favor of the motion. Robinson voted against the motion.

Also during the meeting, the board voted 3-1 to implement its new holiday

schedule as of Oct. 1. This schedule removes Juneteenth from the library network's holidays and adds the day after Thanksgiving to the holiday calendar.

The board is expected to hold a special meeting from 2 to 5:30 p.m. May 6 to discuss the library network's COVID policy and the director's authorization, ICRMP decisions, public comment policy, agenda setup and the materials and withdrawal policies.

Ottosen said she also wants to discuss

a media policy "to counteract perceived bias against non-mainstream media" at a future meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Community Library Network's board will be from 2 to 5 p.m. May 16 at the Rathdrum Library.

The initial budget meeting is expected to be held from 3 to 5 p.m. May 30. The network's budget hearing will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 8.

Info: communitylibrary.net

Readers Write

ZAO: Best choice for Dist. 5 senator

On May 21, the voters of Idaho Legislative District 5 will have a clear choice for senator. They can choose a senator with a long history of serving the citizens of Kootenai County, first as family physician and then as an Human Anatomy and Physiology professor at North Idaho College. They can choose a candidate with decades of service to our community and with deep roots in Idaho. They can choose Cheri Zao.

Polling data indicates that voters are concerned about property taxes, the housing crisis and public education. These critical issues seemed to have been lost in this year's legislative session. Instead the legislature focused on library books, transgendered individuals and sending public dollars to private schools. Cheri will work to return the focus to those issues that are actual priorities to the citizens of Idaho.

Cheri is a moderate Republican who is not afraid to take on the extremists in her party. She will not run in fear from the Idaho Freedom Foundation, but rather, stand on principle and the authentic needs of her constituents.

I have known Cheri for 30 years. If the citizens of District 5 want a Senator who has a track record of service to our community, who will be laser focused on the priorities of her constituents and who is a principled Republican, they will vote for Cheri Zao — Senator District 5.

MICHELLE LIPPERT Post Falls

The NIC trustees voted 3-2 to contract with Stanley Freeman of the firm Eversheds Sutherland, based in Washington, D.C., "to provide legal services to the college in regard to accreditation matters." The firm is an excellent law firm.

After reviewing the firm website (eversheds-sutherland.com), why do three trustees believe such a high-quality legal team is needed? The firm describes itself as: "a global top 10 law practice, Eversheds Sutherland provides legal advice and solutions to an international client base which includes some of the world's largest multinationals."

Trustee Corkill pointed out that Mr. Freeman's hourly rate is \$895 per hour and co-counsel Benjamin Reed has an hourly rate of \$795. Other attorneys in the firm may be called upon "where appropriate," charging anywhere between \$420 per hour and \$1,885 per hour. NIC has paid \$511,404 to multiple attorneys and law firms for different legal matters.

All colleges must abide by the state accreditation policies, and all do except NIC. Do three trustees not understand their role as trustees? If their actions created the accreditation problem, fix it by simply complying with the current accreditation requirements expected of all schools.

Since substantial NIC money is involved, their actions are bordering on stupidity or perhaps insanity. Have none of these three ever operated a successful business or managed a family budget?

If we accept this behavior, we are no better. It's time to realize our current elected NIC trustees cannot get the job done as trustees have

solution, only ensuring the best interest of the community or is theirs a different agenda?

PHIL WARD Coeur d'Alene

TAX AIDE:

Another good year in the books

TAX AIDE is a free tax information and preparation service staffed by volunteers in Coeur d'Alene, Rathdrum and Kellogg. This past tax season, TAX AIDE volunteers prepared over 4,500 returns for local residents, returning over \$3 million to the local economy. The average adjusted gross income for these returns was about \$37,000.

Special thanks go to our site sponsors, Lake City Center, Rathdrum Community Center, Kellogg's office of the Panhandle Health District and the Dalton Gardens Church of Christ. Without these sponsors TAX AIDE would not be able to provide this free service. Thanks to the Idaho Department of Labor in Post Falls for providing training space.

A huge thank you goes to the more than 80 volunteers who gave over 13,000 hours of their time to make the TAX AIDE program possible. If you'd like to be a part of this corps of TAX AIDE volunteers, call [208-665-7329](tel:208-665-7329) and leave a message.

TAX AIDE is sponsored by AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS.

MARC SCHWADERER
Volunteer District Coordinator

NIC:

Trustees' 'stupidity or insanity'

previously. This is not a political issue. There is no left or right

VETERANS: These legislators let you down

It is primary time, and if you are a veteran or the family member of a veteran it is vitally important to think about your choices.

In the 2024 Legislative session, three local senators and three local representatives voted against the annual appropriation for the Idaho Division of Veteran Services. The Division of Veteran Services provides service officers to help our local veterans secure the VA and state benefits that they have earned through their service to our country.

It also operates the four Veterans Homes providing care for our older veterans, one of which is located in Post Falls, and the Idaho state veterans cemeteries.

Senator Carl Bjerke (District 5), Phil Hart (District 2) and Ben Toews (District 4) and Representatives Vito Barbieri (District 3), Elaine Price (District 4) and Tony Wisniewski (District 5) each voted against continued funding of these important services, which provide assistance to our local veterans.

Veterans and family members of veterans — when you vote in the primary elections, please remember those who showed by their actions that they DO NOT appreciate the service and sacrifice that you or your family members made on behalf of our country.

LEN CROSBY Former Army Ranger Post Falls

The Well Read Moose Bookstore continues to be a wonderful asset to our community. Most recently the owner of the Moose, Melissa DeMotte, helped with our PEO fundraiser (PEO provides scholarships to women continuing their education).

She and her staff are better than excellent with helping find books and up to date with the latest books. If there is a community need with fundraisers, Melissa and crew will be there.

Next on her list is the libraries that were damaged due to water. The Well Read Moose and another independent book store, Bookishly Happy, are combining efforts for a fundraiser April 26-27 to raise funds for books for Post Falls and Athol libraries.

We are so blessed to have these local people and their contributions to our community. We need to support them as they support our community.

SALLY GIDLUND Coeur d'Alene

COMMISSIONERS:

Support Eberlein and Duncan

Marc Eberlein and Leslie Duncan both bring experience to the job of County Commissioner. I have served with both of them, Marc as a commissioner and Leslie, as chairperson of the Aquifer Protection District.

Marc is a man of strong moral character and integrity. We began

it quickly changed to mutual respect for his work ethic, ability to listen and finding solutions that we could agree on for the benefit of the county. We did not agree on everything but we respected each other's opinions. This is how good government works.

Leslie always came prepared to meetings. She put in the hours it takes to be informed. I am aware of other BOCC members that do not put in the effort and it shows in meetings where they have not done their homework. She reaches out to stakeholders prior to making her final decisions.

I encourage citizens to be wary of the commissioner that is going to "stop runaway growth." All high-density growth occurs in cities because only cities provide the infrastructure, such as water, sewer, etc., that growth requires. Commissioners do not regulate development within city boundaries.

Join me in voting for experience and integrity on May 21.

DAN GREEN Hayden

MOOSE: Helping local libraries serving together on a rocky footing and

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Book it

Local stores celebrate independence

COEUR D'ALENE — Two Coeur d'Alene bookstores are joining a nationwide celebration of Independent Bookstore Day today.

“We hope this is a fun weekend and are hopeful to raise money to support the libraries in the area,” wrote Anna Rose Carleton with The Well-Read Moose, which is teaming up with Bookishly Happy for the event.

Along with fun activities, sales and a chance to win prizes, they are raising money for the Community Library Network to help rebuild the Post Falls and Athol libraries after

experiencing severe water damage this winter.

Independent Bookstore Day is a one-day national party that takes place at indie bookstores across the country on the last Saturday in April.

“We would like to encourage people to come and support their local indie bookstore and local libraries this weekend,” Carleton wrote. “Supporting our community is an important focus for both stores.”

The Well-Read Moose is at 2048 N. Main St. Bookishly Happy is at 2415 N. Government Way.



Anna Rose Carleton with the Well-Read Moose is ready to celebrate Independent Bookstore Day today.

Photo courtesy Well-Read Moose

Editorial

Rating system deserves a solid 'F'

"NIR, the local paper, Democrats and the candidates that only 'identify' as Republican who don't get recommended HATE the KCRCC Rating System because it exposes the truth."

Those words from the chairman of the KCRCC — the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee — were published in this newspaper April 19.

The "truth" isn't why so many residents loathe the KCRCC rating system. Supporting certain Republicans over others in primary elections using a deeply flawed process, leading to so many irrational and unjustifiable endorsements, is why the

"rated and vetted" system is vilified to the point that a broad scale campaign is under way to overthrow it.

Start with some of the currently serving elected officials who received strong support from KCRCC after candidates were "rated and vetted."

- North Idaho College trustees Todd Banducci, Greg McKenzie and Mike Waggoner, who are pushing the college to the cliff's edge with possible loss of accreditation and fiscally reprehensible spending.

- Community Library Network trustees Rachelle Otosen, Tim Plass and Tom Hanley, whose collective belligerence cannot conceal the deep-rooted ignorance with which they're

misperforming their duties.

- County Assessor Bela Kovacs, who has managed to alienate not only his departmental employees, but taxpayers, managers of those tax dollars, and fellow Republican officials who have essentially given up on the hope that Kovacs is capable of or willing to do his job.

These are all folks who have made themselves centerpieces in the local gallery of incompetent leadership. They have nobody but themselves to blame for their failures — not even KCRCC.

So let's look elsewhere for KCRCC rating rationale and weigh its trustworthiness and contributions to county and state benefit.

For last November's Coeur d'Alene City Council election, KCRCC precinct committeemen voted a collective 151-0 against Christie Wood, Dan Gookin and Dan English — who all won their races easily against KCRCC-endorsed opponents.

English is a Democrat so nay votes from Republicans are expected. But Wood and Gookin? They're longtime, highly respected conservatives with proven track records of community service and fiscal sanity. How could they not receive at least one vote between them from the central committee?

Had KCRCC held sway in 2022, Janice McGeachin would be your governor,

Priscilla Giddings your lieutenant governor, Dorothy Moon your secretary of state and Branden Durst your superintendent of public instruction. Talk about the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

These reasons and many more are why you should examine all endorsements — including those bearing KCRCC's near-unanimous fingerprints — with a great deal of scrutiny.

Republicans, to help ensure the best local leaders emerge from political quagmires, go to northidahorepublicans.org, click on the names of precinct committee candidates and decide for yourself if it's not time for change.

Readers Write

HOUSING: Inflation blames goes to Joe

A lot has been said about how we can get affordable housing which of course would tie into affordable rentals. It's certainly a fine and noble endeavor. The American dream has always been to own our own homes, raise our families in safe neighborhoods, barbecue in our backyards with relatives and friends — a place to call our own after a hard day's work.

Ever since the beginning of America as we've known it, if we worked hard and planned wisely, home ownership was just a part of life — it was achievable for most everyone. Not anymore. What happened!?

Greedy developers? Nope. They take huge risks and are entitled to fair profits. High interest rates? Nope. Back as long as I can remember, interest was mostly in the 5-8% range. The COVID pandemic created 2-3% loans, probably never to happen again. So why is the average home price in Kootenai County around \$450,000?

It's the high cost of doing business — high land costs and infrastructure, high material costs from start to finish, high labor costs, good dependable workers are at a premium and it goes on and on. Why is the cost of doing business so high? Yeah, it's inflation. Everything costs much more. Why? Because fuel/energy affect every single item going into homes and in a BIG WAY.

Also, folks are moving here in droves — supply and demand comes into play. Build much much smaller houses? Maybe. So, will

housing ever be affordable? Never to happen and only to get worse. Affordable rentals? Never in a lifetime! Sometimes you "get" and sometimes you "get got" — with inflation most of us are "getting got." Thanks Joe.

MARVIN GEORGE MILLER
Coeur d'Alene

PLASS: Does not rhyme with class

I have been hesitant to write this letter, but I believe it is important for the citizens of Kootenai County to hear my story about the Community Library Network. Last year in July, a friend of mine posted on a popular website that she had seen Trustees Plass, Ottosen and Hanley meeting at a local coffee shop. This raised suspicion as it would violate Idaho Open Meeting Laws.

Concerned, I emailed the Community Library Board Trustees expecting the trustees to either confirm or deny this allegation. I received no response from Ottosen or Hanley, but Trustee Plass did respond.

However, instead of addressing my concern, he threatened me by demanding that I provide concrete evidence of the meeting or else he would "block me from accessing the CLN webmail, revoke my CLN library card, and prohibit me from visiting any CLN library for the next 12 months."

I was shocked by this response! Fortunately, my knowledgeable friends reassured me that Plass had no power to carry out such a threat, as board members hold no power individually. I don't know if Plass believed

he could carry out his threat, but I do know that this public official chose to intimidate a constituent who had asked an uncomfortable question.

I also know that he sought to use his power to silence me. That is why I am writing this letter: I refuse to be intimidated or silenced, and I believe voters need to know about this.

THERESA BIRKETT
Post Falls

TOLERANCE: Consider meaning of that word

As newer arrivals to Kootenai County, we are discovering that there are many here who are not as welcoming and tolerant of others' beliefs and ideals as they espouse we all should be.

Specifically, they imply that everyone of Caucasian ethnicity who are Bible believing Christians, conservative socially and fiscally, and historically patriotic, are bigoted, racist, dangerous, extreme, violent, white supremacist militia members.

There may well exist in Kootenai County a very small group of folks, misguidedly identifying as Christian, who full well deserve such labels, but THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY who embrace the above mentioned precepts and principles DO NOT.

Those who continue to foster such fear mongering would do well to stop undermining the peace of the community with their innuendo and direct accusation.

THEODORE TURRENTINE
Coeur d'Alene

Readers Write

HATE: Press, others perpetuate it

You asked for thoughts ... I think Coeur d'Alene Press has an unhealthy fixation on the Aryans. Give it a rest, it's been decades now. It seems to be Coeur d'Alene's claim to fame.

If anything, the constant drumbeat by the Coeur d'Alene Press and others in Coeur d'Alene encourages hoaxes (think Jussie Smallet, Tawnya Brawley, the Duke LaCross Team, etc.). You see Aryans hiding behind every tree. Let's not jump to conclusions until we get the facts.

The Coeur d'Alene Press and others claim that we should not hate ... well, you should read your own editorials, your My Turns, your Letters to the Editor. They spew hate nearly every day.

Coeur d'Alene has politicians that have made their entire career based on hate (CW is one) and if your "nonprofit" thrives and gets its funding based on hate, then you certainly see hate everywhere ... you need it. You hate the KCRCC, you hate Brent Regan, you hate three of the trustees on the NIC board, you hate the newly elected members of the Library Board, etc.

If Coeur d'Alene Press's and CW's preferred candidates don't win, then you spend the next years harassing them and you form your own committee ... the North Idaho Republicans (aka: the losers club).

I certainly wouldn't take election advice from your hateful editorials.

SUE GARNER
Coeur d'Alene

PUBLICATION: Pen leaves ink stains

Just received a copy of The People's Pen, an interesting paper supported by the KCRCC and far right cartoonists and writers. However, it never says who writes the opinion pieces other than saying it's backed and published by The People's Pen.

Give 'em a call — they'll let you leave a message. So much for transparency! Check out their writers and cartoonists. They're not local folks.

Check out who they are supporting for Precinct Committeemen — Mr. Banducci, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Regan and various others that are currently running for or currently hold other political offices.

They brag how great their choices are and have been in the past and what great decisions these folks have made. Yep — just look at NIC, the Assessor's office and the Community Library Board. Great work — ha — if you like higher expenses for legal and insurance just to name a couple of their great decisions as well as putting NIC in danger of losing accreditation.

I'm tired of being called various names because I'm not in lock step with the KCRCC and am able to make my own voting decisions based on qualified, rational candidates

not the far, far right gun toting traditional or what they call traditional families. Check out their front page! I'm not against either but there are many more of us that just don't fit their mold.

KATHY VERBURG
Hayden

P.S. Believe it or not we are all Americans and not conspirators or communists as you would like to believe. I truly believe that America is the greatest country on Earth even with all its faults. Only by working together will we continue as a country.

MASTERTON: Deep roots in community

Yes the competition for Dist. 1 commissioner is keen this year. But there is one shining star in that race and that is Bat Masterson.

His roots run deep in Kootenai County. Bat is a lifelong resident of our county over 74 years. He has worked in the health care field, over 40 years at Kootenai Medical Center Director of Nursing Services and North Idaho Advanced Care.

Bat was also appointed by the governor to the Emergency Medical System Physician Commission. Some of you may even know him from his work as a nurse at Kootenai Medical Center.

Yes Bat has been here many, many years. He has seen our county come from a sleepy little community to a thriving area that is now attracting people from all over the nation. With Bat's knowledge of the past 70 years, an excellent work ethic and his longstanding knowledge of our county, he will make an excellent leader to lead our county into the future!

Join with me on May 21 in voting for Bat Masterson and make him our next county commissioner who will represent all of the citizens of Kootenai County.

RICH PIAZZA
Former County
Commissioner
Kootenai County

DARAKJY: For GOP central committee

Vote for Damon Darakjy, Precinct 522 Committeeman! With 30 years of military experience, work under Idaho Republican governors, and as a student body vice president at the University of Idaho, Damon Darakjy is the ideal candidate. He is known for his leadership, honesty, and integrity.

As a military intelligence officer, Damon worked tirelessly to gather and analyze information, ensuring the success of military operations and national security. He displayed unwavering dedication and professionalism, facing challenging and dangerous situations with courage.

Before his military service, Damon served as a legislative assistant to two Idaho governors, playing a vital role in supporting their legislative initiatives and facilitating communication

with the state legislature. This experience gave him invaluable knowledge of the political process, policy development, and legislative analysis.

Damon's background as a legislative assistant and military intelligence officer makes him a well-rounded and capable professional. His skills, dedication and commitment to public service will be assets in any role he pursues. Moreover, he is an incredible husband and father, serving as an inspiration to his family.

Your vote for Damon Darakjy, Precinct 522 Committeeman, matters. Join me in supporting him on election day.

DR. JENNIFER
JAEGER-DARAKJY
Fourth generation
Coeur d'Alene native

ELECTION: Back the Blue

We have a primary election May 21 where four key races will have a direct effect on the immediate future of whether or not the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office and Prosecuting Attorney's Office keep pace with the growth of the county.

The Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (KCRCC) has rated and vetted the re-elections of Sheriff Bob Norris and Prosecuting Attorney Stanley Mortensen. Their vaunted rating and vetting system has FINALLY backed a couple of rock solid, PROVEN public servants who have EARNED your votes.

The KCRCC has also endorsed Leslie Duncan and candidate Mark Eberlein for the two open county commissioner seats. It's interesting that Duncan says that in her 5+ years as commissioner, the wages at the sheriff's office have increased by 27%. While that is true, the question for Duncan is; how many times did YOU vote to raise their pay? The answer is NONE!

That's why she failed to get even one vote from the Sheriff's Dept. Employee Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Former Commissioner Eberlein was no friend of the sheriff's office either in his first term as commissioner. This explains his "one-and-done" career as a county commissioner.

For some legit rating and vetting, turn to the last page of the Coeur d'Alene Press Voter Guide (<https://shorturl.at/dnADW>) and see who our county's law enforcement professionals are endorsing. And, by all means go to www.SheriffsOfficeemployeeFOP.com and find out why they voted the way they did.

If you care about public safety and fiscal responsibility, then "Back The Blue" with Dale Gibboney for County Commissioner, Seat 1 and Brett Surplus for County Commissioner, Seat 3.

ROBERT FISH
Kootenai County

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NIC: Accreditors raise suspicions

NWCCU, the accrediting agency for North Idaho College, is a DEI supporting and embedded organization. Just look at their website.

It is interesting to

note their website in the past was very proud of its DEI positions and displayed references prominently, but that site has been updated to hide their DEI affiliation and emphasis.

The state of Idaho prohibits the use of DEI in college admissions.

There are more questions than answers. Questions:

How can a DEI supporting institution

regulate any institution in Idaho that prohibits the use of DEI in college admissions? Or, why hasn't NIC sought accreditation from a non-DEI organization?

Is this the reason two of the NIC trustees refuse to have an executive session?

Who and or what are these two trustees hiding?

DON THOMPSON
Coeur d'Alene

Community Library Network

WE EMPOWER DISCOVERY



MATERIALS SELECTION AND ACQUISITION POLICY

DRAFT

05/06/24

Statement of Purpose and Intent for Policy

The vocation of a librarian requires a commitment to freedom of speech and the celebration of diverse viewpoints unlike that found in any other occupation. The librarian curates and curtails the collection of reading materials for an entire community in a sense, and in doing so, he or she reinforces the bedrock principles on which this country was founded. According to the United States Supreme Court, "Public libraries pursue the worthy missions of facilitating learning and cultural enrichment." *United States v. Am. Library Ass'n. Inc.*, 539 U.S. 194, 203, 123 S. Ct. 2297, 156 L. Ed. 2d 221 (2003). To fulfill those worthy objectives, "public libraries must have broad discretion to decide what material to provide to their patrons." *Id.* at 204.

[Protecting minors from explicit and potentially developmentally damaging sexual content is a serious consideration for the entire community, library board and staff. No graphic visual or written depictions of **sexual conduct, as defined in this policy below**, will be included in **the CLN non-adult** this collection. Age-appropriate materials concerning biology, human anatomy, or religion are exempt from this directive.]

This policy defines the Community Library Network's responsibility to establish and maintain a balanced and diverse collection of materials that meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of our residents, and to openly afford the public access to discussion, debate, and the dissemination of information and ideas.

Objective and Scope of Policy

This policy pertains only to the selection and new acquisitions of books and materials, [regardless if previously acquired, except for material that has been lost or damaged,] for the library's collection, not removal of existing library materials. Policy regarding retention, removal, or relocation of existing materials is outside the scope of this policy.

Responsibility

The elected board of trustees ultimately guides the selection process through this policy. The Library Director implements policies set by the board. Under the Director's guidance, selection is delegated to professional collection development library staff who are qualified by education, training and experience. All staff members and the general public are encouraged to recommend materials for consideration.

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Suggestions are evaluated by the staff based on the Library's criteria for selection.

Definitions- As Used in this Policy

Under this section "**CLN** Harmful to minors" means that quality of any description, exhibition, presentation, or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse, when the material or performance has any of the following characteristics:

(A) The average person eighteen (18) years of age or older applying contemporary community standards would find that the material or performance has a predominant tendency to appeal to a prurient interest in sex to minors;

(B) The average person eighteen (18) years of age or older applying contemporary community standards would find that the material or performance depicts or describes nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse in a manner that is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community with respect to what is suitable for minors; and

(C) The material or performance lacks serious literary, scientific, medical, artistic, or political value for minors.

"Minor" means any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

"Material" means any book, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, poster, print, picture, figure, image, description, motion picture, film, record, recording tape, CD-ROM disk, magnetic disk memory, magnetic tape memory, video tape, or other media, or any down-loadable or on-line digital content.

Nudity" means a:

(A) Showing or description of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering;

(B) Showing or description of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion of the female breast below the top of the nipple; or

(C) Depiction or description of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

"Performance" means any motion picture, film, video tape, played record, phonograph or tape, preview, trailer, play, show, skit, dance, or other exhibition performed or presented to or before an audience of one (1) or more, with or without consideration.

"Sadomasochistic abuse" means flagellation or torture by or upon a person clad in undergarments, a mask, or bizarre costume, or the condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained on the part of a person so clothed, or mutilation or physical alteration of genitals by or upon a person;

"Sexual conduct" means an act of masturbation, homosexuality, sexual intercourse, or physical contact with a person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast; and

"Sexual excitement" means the condition of the human male or female genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal.

Selection Process

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The Community Library Network seeks to purchase a wide range of materials that meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of our residents in a variety of acceptable formats. The selection of materials is generally made by library staff based on clear and unambiguous written policies that infuse our mission statement and accepted goals and priorities, published reviews, recommendations from library users, availability of materials at other libraries, an item's relation to the Library's existing collection, use analysis, space, price, and staff judgment and expertise.

Books and material with content that is "harmful to minors" as defined in this policy, shall be excluded from selection and acquisition for the library's non-adult collection.

[Protecting children aged 0-12 from explicit and potentially developmentally damaging sexual content is a serious consideration for the entire community, library board and staff. For that reason, non-sexual nudity may only be included in the Children's collection, which is geared for ages 0-12, if it is mild **{and innocent in nature,}** and the material was specifically written specifically written and geared towards a very young audience **{and doesn't contain nudity representing these who've gone through puberty.}** No graphic, visual or written depictions of sex will be included in this collection.]

The Community Library Network uses several criteria to determine the addition of an item whether purchased, requested, or donated.

- Authority and competency of presentation, author, or publisher
- Favorable reviews and inclusion in, but not limited to, reputable resources such as professional or trade journals
- Relation to existing collection
- Adequate standards of quality and durability in content, format, and physical appearance
- Current usefulness or lasting value (e.g. time-tested classics)
- Popularity and user demand, including hold demand counts on materials selected by other libraries in our consortium (CIN) that do not conflict with CLN policy
- Availability of materials through other libraries (Interlibrary Loan) or electronic resources
- Space requirements
- Representation of trends, subjects, or genres of local or national interest
- Price
- Format
- Appropriateness of subject and style for intended library users. For purposes of this criteria, **related to the library's non-adult collections**, "appropriateness" means a determination of whether such content is, in the opinion of the Board or Library staff, "harmful to minors as that term is specifically defined in this Policy.

Gifts

The Community Library Network welcomes donated books and other materials that are in good condition. Donated items may be used or disposed of in any way deemed appropriate and no conditions by donors can be made on materials donated. Donations are evaluated using the same criteria as purchased items. A receipt may be given to donors if requested with a number of items donated but no assessment of value will be made by library staff.

Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed and revised every three years or updated as necessary. Approved by the Community Library Network Board of Trustees, **November xx, 2023.**



MATERIALS WITHDRAWAL AND RECONSIDERATION POLICY

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This policy defines the Community Library Network's review criteria and disposition process for material to be removed from the collection. Materials are defined in the Materials Selection and Acquisition Policy.

Withdrawal of Materials (Weeding)

The Community Library Network attempts to keep its entire collection in a condition that is attractive and inviting to the user. The Collection Development Librarian and other staff use the CREW (Continuous Review and Evaluation for Weeding) method to keep the collection weeded. Criteria for selecting materials for withdrawal include:

- Damage and poor condition; material that is out of print and considered a classic will receive special consideration for retainment.
- Copies in excess of demand
- Obsolete information or format
- Lack of use or space
- Availability from other sources
- Community relevance

Materials Inappropriate for Minors

- Notwithstanding Idaho Code 18:1517(d), Materials that violate Idaho Codes 18-1513, 18-1514, and 18-1515 shall be removed from the juvenile, teen, and young adult collections.

[Harmful to Minors is defined in Idaho Code section 18-1514:

18-1514. OBSCENE MATERIALS -- DEFINITIONS. The following definitions are applicable to this act:

- 1. "Minor" means any person less than eighteen (18) years of age.*
- 6. "Harmful to minors" includes in its meaning the quality of any material or of any performance or of any description or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse, when it:*
 - (a) Appeals to the prurient interest of minors as judged by the average person, applying contemporary community standards; and*
 - (b) Depicts or describes representations or descriptions of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse which are patently offensive to prevailing*

standards in the adult community with respect to what is suitable material for minors and includes, but is not limited to, patently offensive representations or descriptions of:

- (i) Intimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated; or*
- (ii) Masturbation, excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals or genital area. Nothing herein contained is intended to include or proscribe any matter which, when considered as a whole, and in context in which it is used, possesses serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors*

7. "Material" means anything tangible which is harmful to minors, whether derived through the medium of reading, observation or sound.]

Disposition of Materials

Material which has been selected for removal from the collection during the weeding process will be relocated or disposed of using one of the following options:

- Dispose of materials
- Donate to friends of the library groups, other non-profit groups or other government agency
- If material is inappropriate for minors, but produced for adults, move to adult collection area
- If material is inappropriate for minors, but not produced for adults, move to a library location (other than the regular adult collection area) not accessible or displayed to minors and only made available to adults

Reconsideration of Material

If a library patron concludes that a specific item does not meet the guidelines set forth in this policy, they may fill out a Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Material form. The completed form will be submitted to the District Director who will review the form for evaluation and recommendations. The Community Library Network is a member of the Cooperative Information Network (CIN) consortium, sharing and receiving materials from the other member libraries. Requests for reconsideration are only accepted from Community Library Network residents for Community Library Network owned materials. A review team of library staff will be selected to review the item fully using the material selection policy. The decision will be submitted to the library user within 30 days, if possible. If the patron is not satisfied with the decision, they may appeal the decision to the board of trustees in writing within 10 business days. The board will evaluate whether staff appropriately used the selection policy as a guide during the review process. The patron will be notified of the outcome. The board's decision is final. The item in question will not be removed from the shelf during the reconsideration process (except, as necessary, for examination during this process). An item will be evaluated for reconsideration only once in a 3 year period unless the board determines sufficient new compelling evidence is introduced.

Reconsideration of Material

A "Request for Reconsideration of Material" form (RRMF) may be filled out and submitted by anyone who finds an item does not meet the guidelines set forth in this or any CLN policy. This includes items that may be found classified incorrectly and/or located incorrectly, as well as items that may need to be removed from the CLN collection. The RRMF may be filled out for non-CLN items that are shared and received from the

Cooperative Information Network (CIN) consortium for the purposes of reclassification in the CLN system, but not for removal from CIN because those CIN items are not CLN assets.

A completed RRMF is submitted to CLN per the instructions on the form. The CLN staff, at the direction of the CLN Library Director, shall review the completed RRMF, fully review the subject item and recommend a disposition for the reconsideration request within ten business days of receiving the completed form. The item shall be removed from the collection upon receipt of the RRMF and remain so until the RRMF is resolved. If the recommendation is for no change in the item classification, location or remaining in the CLN collection, the case will be submitted to the CLN Board of Trustees for their review and decision at the next CLN Board meeting occurring within 30 days.

Decisions to remove or relocate material from the CLN collection will be based on guidelines delineated in this policy. When considering cases which may involve material harmful to minors, the "Miller test", (when taken as a whole), from US Supreme Court case Miller vs Calif. (1973), will be used to determine if an item should be removed from the CLN collection. When considering if an item should be relocated, the "Miller" test or the more recent US Supreme Court "PICO" (1982) case test shall be used. The "PICO" ruling identifies a book that is "pervasively vulgar", e.g., a skunk in the crawl space pervades the whole house, or even if "the vulgarity is concentrated in a single poem, a single chapter or a single page, yet still be inappropriate."

The CLN decision on the disposition of the submitted RRMF, whether made by staff to relocate or remove the item or by the board review, shall be implemented by CLN staff and the RRMF submitter notified of the decision within 5 business days of the CLN decision. If the RRMF submitter is not satisfied with the decision or believes the review overlooked important aspects, they may submit an appeal to the board of trustees in writing, within ten business days of receipt of the original RRMF decision, explaining what they believe was overlooked in the review. The board will consider the appeal at the next board meeting and make a final decision on the matter. The RRMF submitter shall be notified of the final decision within 5 business days of

the board's final decision. An item will be evaluated for reconsideration only once in a 12 month period unless the board determines sufficient new compelling evidence is introduced.]

Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed and revised every three years or updated as necessary. Approved by the Community Library Network Board of Trustees, November xx, 2023.



Request for Reconsideration of Material

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Title: _____

Author: _____

Publisher: _____ Copyright Date: _____

Have you read the Community Library Network's Material Selection and Material Withdrawal policies? Yes____ No____

Did you check out the material? Yes___ No ___

Was it obtained from someone else who checked it out? Yes_____ No_____

What objections do you have to the material? Please cite page numbers, chapters or sections.

What are your reasons for finding the material offensive? Indicate whether or not you feel the material is objectionable for all readers/listeners/viewers or a particular age group. Please indicate your objections as completely and specifically as possible.

How could your concerns about the resource be resolved?

Withdrawal of Material from CLN collection _____ Relocation of material _____

Reclassification of material _____ Other (describe) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

The completed form will be given to the Library Director who will review the form for evaluation and recommendations. If additional action is warranted, the Request for Reconsideration of Material form will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for action. The patron will be notified of outcome.

Form received by (staff member): _____ Date: _____



PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

Board Draft: 05/06/2024

The Community Library Network Board of Trustees operates under the Idaho Code Open Meeting Law. The Board will be pleased to take comments under advisement, although they will not be responding at the meeting. Public comment ~~will~~ **may** be addressed at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Comments may be submitted by writing or oral presentation or both. The Board is committed to conducting its meetings in a civil, orderly, efficient, and productive manner. **The boards' work and the publics experience of the meeting must not be disrupted by objects, behavior, noise, etc.**

When addressing the Board, please follow the guidelines below:

- Public comment at Board meetings is limited to the public comment portions of the meeting as indicated in the published agenda.
- Sign in before speaking, giving name and community.
- The speaker may address only library-related topics at regular and special meetings, only budget related topics at budget hearings. Comments should be addressed directly to the Board and not to the audience.
- A time limit of three (3) minutes is allowed for each speaker.
- A person may speak one time during the meeting.
- In cases of disagreement, the speaker must use grace and tact.
- Persons addressing the Board are expected to observe a level of civility and decorum appropriate for a public meeting.
- No personal attacks or disruptions from audience members will be tolerated.
- The Board Chair may terminate or redirect any presentation not adhering to these guidelines.

At the discretion of the Board Chair, these guidelines may be modified at a meeting.