

Directors Report 12/11/14

New Website:

- Switching to WordPress, Demonstration from Jennifer

Partnerships:

- We will be working with family advocates to begin a volunteer home visit, CASA court representatives and parenting classes. They manage the programs independently- we simply provide space and co-sponsorship.
- We are working with the Log Cabin Literacy center to get writers to come and teach writing to small groups of teens and pre-teens. This is an amazing program, and we are lucky to be the first Canyon County library partner.

Grants:

Received

- Idaho Community Foundation 1,000 for children's books
- Whittenberger Foundation 1,000 for improvements to the children's area.
- Friends of the Library, 1,700 for the purchase of a rug for the children's area, two storage cabinets and some additional children's books

Pending

- 3,000 titles for the YA collection from YALSA, the YA affiliate of the American Library Association
- 1,000 to improve the YA collection from YALSA the YA affiliate of the American Library Association
- 2,500 to Sunwest Bank to fund Spring Programs
- 2,500 to Walmart to fund Kindergarten Readiness Materials
- 600.00 to Capital Educators for Science Books

Physical Changes:

- New Seating Area in the Adult Section
- The catalog access computer died, and has been replaced by an existing Kindle, with a recently purchased stand and keyboard. So far, patrons seem unfazed by the change.
- The friends of the library art gallery is back up, with a new painter.

Accounts:

- The city has switched to Idaho IT
- We are switching our purchasing from Amazon to Ingram

Training:

- ICFL has granted us 594.00 for Jennifer to take 2 Library Science classes through College of Southern Idaho.

- I have been selected to represent Idaho at the American Library Association's Midwinter conference, in a special track that will focus on workplace training programs in libraries. This is something that is regularly requested- particularly in the area of computer skills. We purchased laptops partially because we are hoping to have classes in the adult computer lab, with additional participants using laptops at the existing tables. All expenses are paid. I will be gone Wednesday, January 28th- Saturday, January 31st.

Vote Needed:

- A vote to extend our current strategic plan through 2015 will allow us to continue to apply for grants while we are working through the strategic grant process.
- Our computer tech support contribution has gone up from 550.00 per months to 900.00 per month. This is due to a switch to a mainline IT provider. There is not another independent operator like tony that is willing to take us on- this is pretty much the going rate. To account for this, we need to:
 - Raise the budget line from 9,275.00 to 10,800.
 - I propose we take the needed funds (1,525) from the Capital Outlay books budget. That will leave COB at 11,940.55
 - If you look at the current numbers, it appears that we are right on track to spend the amount originally budgeted for books and other collection items. However, that does not reflect the 1,000\$ grant from ICF, so we will end up on track to spend the lower number.