

Valley Mountain Library Consortium Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2023

Via Hybrid and Zoom

In attendance: Melanie Cope (Armoral Tuttle), Timbra Long (Weiser), Deleice Ward (Payette), Lori Clark (Middleton), Sharla Jensen (Homedale), Maria Guest (Cascade), Lorrie Robertson (Cambridge), Meg Lojek (McCall), Clay Ritter (ICFL)

Sharla Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:38am

Agenda was approved –motion by Melanie Cope, second by Timbra Long

Minutes from Feb 10, 2023 – motion to approve after correcting spelling of Meg’s last name by Melanie Cope, second by Meg Lojek – approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Melanie Cope reported that current balance is \$2,200.44. A check was written to Payette Public Library for supplies to update STEM kits. Everyone has paid VMLC Consortium dues for FY 22/23.

Circuit Reports

1. **DVD – report by Meg Lojek** – Added Cascade Public Library to rotation, prorated by half.
2. **Audio – report by Lori Clark** – will send out invoices
3. **STEM – Everyone brought to exchange kits. Confirm that person sending the kit to the next library is responsible to restock it.**

Old Business

- Melanie gave update on Foundation Directory Online - it was approved at the end of last meeting – Director from Meridian, Nick, thought it was not worth it and cancelled it. For a library, \$2249 per year. However, VMLC is a 501c3. Sharla asked – could we write a grant for 501c3 and disburse funds like ICFL?

New Business

- **Ideas for successful library programs for all ages** –
- **Melanie**- received “Let’s Talk About It” grant- register 3 books, you get posters & book marks, check out to patrons, and they send scholar to library, had 19 adults attend 1st event, 7 people attend 2nd event, and 12 people attend 3rd event.
- **Meg hosted a Repair Café** – had to organize volunteers who have knowledge on fixing thing, for example, small appliances, sewing, zippers, small electronics – goal is to fix it to extend the life of the item. She held it on a Saturday for 2.5 hours, 12 people came. They also had a coffee and tea station.
- **Chess Club** – Just have to provide chess boards, no planning, and includes people of all generations. Every table in the library was full of people playing chess.

- **Lorrie** – hosted a watercolor workshop with a volunteer. 4 people attended which was a huge success. She also has story time once a month – it’s a challenge. Wants to try a book club or another painting class. Meg suggested being a part of something else in the community.
- **Sharla** – U of I extension – has food things
- **Deleice** – Star Gazing - has also had success with extension office
- **Sharla** – Children’s Museum has a pop up planetarium- also has a pop up STEM program
- **Timber** – Hosted Barbara Morgan (an American teacher and a former NASA *astronaut*.) Over 147 people of all ages came! Had food which included astronaut cookies, and advertised in the newspaper, Facebook, and flyers. Best program so far. Also hosted Buck Sawyer, a local author (Lorrie’s Deal). Had 32 people attend. Also hosted Real People with Real Stories – Body Positive. 20 girls attended.
- **Lori** – Middleton is hosting monthly gardening classes with Master Gardeners – Adult classes and Literature in the Garden for children.
- **Maria** – Cascade has after school tutoring- partners with Cascade after school program. Also will offer Computer 101 class with volunteers – for seniors to learn computers. First class is May 20. She will also host Erin Wright, local author of cowboy romance books based in Idaho.

ICFL Idaho Commission for Libraries) Update – Clay Ritter

- ICFL is fully staffed right now
- Public Library Summit in March 2024
- ARSL (The Association for Rural & Small Libraries) Conference Sept 19-21 in Wichita Kansas- ICFL has a 1st time conference attendee grant
- Facilities Grant – open until June 7th

Round Table Session

- Meg – thankful for ICFL training for 1st amendment audit – it helped prepare her
- Melanie - Director 101 in person meeting is August 11 – will need to reschedule VMLC meeting
- Sharla – listserve and simplelist emails – libidaho@simplelist.com
- Meg – 1st amendment – should have a policy about video and photography – anyone can video and take photos- need to train to ignore that person or act normally

Meeting adjourned at 10:53am – motion by Meg, 2nd by Deleice – motion carried

-

Sharla –

Location of next meeting will be at Cascade Library on August 4, 2023 at 9:30am.

VMLC Meeting Email List – updates in red

Amoral Tuttle Library: lbrdirector@gmail.com Melanie Cope

Cambridge Library: cambridgelibrary@outlook.com Lorrie Robertson

05.12.23

Cascade Library: librarydirector@cascadeid.us Maria Guest

Donnelly Library: director@donnellylibrary.org Sherry Scheline

Homedale Library: GJMLibrarydirector@gmail.com Sharla Jensen

Horseshoe Bend Library: hsblibrary@gmail.com Teresa Cooper

McCall Library: mlojek@mccall.id.us Meg Lojek

Middleton Library: director@mymidlib.org Lori Clark

Midvale Library: mcl@mtecom.net Suzanne Ash

Parma (Patricia Romanko Public Library): parmalibrarymatters@gmail.com Gina Day

Payette Library: librarydirector@cityofpayette.com Co Intermin Directors- Deleice Ward and Wendy Walker

Weiser Library librarydirector@weiserlibrary.org Timbra Long

Public Library Consultant (ICFL) clay.ritter@libraries.idaho.gov Clay Ritter

The mission of the **Valley Mountain Library Consortium VMLC** is to provide expanded resources and improved services through systematic interlibrary cooperation among member libraries.

Purpose:

- To increase and expand library services in VMLC.
- To encourage interlibrary cooperation among all libraries in VMLC, including materials, facilities, and local experts.
- To promote professional relations and growth among library and information personnel.
- To utilize collaborative efforts of libraries in VMLC in an effort to realize cost savings and consistency of library services to patrons.

Valley Mountain Library Consortium VMLC was reinstated as a 501c3 with the Internal Revenue Service on March 15, 2018.