

**Agenda and Agenda Notes for VMLC Meeting**  
**November 3, 2023 at 9:30 am**  
**Hosted by Payette Public Library**  
**24 S 10th St, Payette, ID 83661 (208) 642-6029**

**In Attendance:** Melanie Cope (Armoral Tuttle), Deleice Ward (Payette), Lori Clark (Middleton), Sharla Jensen (Homedale), Maria Guest (Cascade), Meg Lojek (McCall), Sherry Scheline (Donnelly), Milise Blanton (Council Valley Free), Clay Ritter (ICFL)

**Call to Order:** Chair Sharla Jensen called meeting to order at 9:38am

**Agenda was approved** – motion by Melanie Cope, second by Lori Clark

**Minutes of May 12, 2023 Meeting approved** – motion by Deleice, second by Lori

**Treasurer's Report -**

No money spent – current balance \$2,200.44. Melanie will send out invoices for membership - \$20.

**Circuit reports**

- **DVD rotation** – dues are \$140/year New Plymouth and Cascade are opting out
- **Audiobook rotation** – dues are \$140/year – Payette is opting out – will wait to bill in case we discontinue audiobook rotation
- **STEM kit rotation** – Melanie is opting out – Sharla will send out an email to find out who is interested in Stem Kit Rotation.

**Old & New Business**

- We discussed the dwindling numbers of libraries participating in the circuit sets. At the next meeting we would like to pursue the possibility of disbanding the circuit sets and instead share some “digital” resources as a Consortium. As ‘homework’ for this meeting, we would like to ask all those willing to do a little research and then come prepared to the next meeting with information/opinions of a few specific products.
- One of these is the **Foundation Directory**. This is a grant search platform. Libraries can create a free account for basic searches for grants. It is a possibility that we could pay for a more professional subscription as a consortium.
- The second one we discussed was **Creative Bug**. This has a free 60 day trial period. If anyone is interested in doing this trial period and come to the next meeting prepared to share their thoughts about subscribing to this platform as a consortium, we would appreciate.
- The third platform we talked about is **Kanopy**. Meg, from McCall, is looking into this platform for us, but if anyone else has any experience using Canopy we would love to hear from you.
- We would also love to hear any other suggestions in February!

#### Future VMLC Meetings:

- **Feb. 9 in New Plymouth.** Marina Rose from ICfL will be coming to talk about LiLi.
- **May 10 in Cascade**
- **August 9 in McCall**
- **Nov 8 in Homedale.** Clay Ritter from ICfL will be answering questions about the yearly statistical report

#### ICfL updates: Clay Ritter

- Magic Valley Library System is comparable to VMLC – they share a catalog. Dues are \$20-\$25, and get together for professional development.
- March 2024 – Public Library Director Summit
- Library Survey is open and due Jan 1, 2024. Please contact Clay with any questions. The only change from last year is the COVID questions are gone.
- Clay will travel to libraries in VMLC Oct – March. There is a travel ban on the rest of the state.
- Make sure to review policies and procedures.

#### Library Updates:

- Sherry from Donnelly: Getting rid of DVDs, shelving, & furniture to make room for kids to come inside for winter.

#### Library Successes:

- **Sharla** – Summer Reading year round. Summer – kids, Fall – Adults, Winter – Teen Reading Challenge. Have them tell their favorite part and favorite character, prizes are candy bars and \$25 gift card, tickets to enter for big prize
- **Lori** – Local Author Palooza – had 25 local authors come and sell books, 2 food trucks, and activities for kids
- Also had teens write recommendations for books and put them with the books on display – circulation increased
- **Melanie** – Had the Down to Earth Dad, Patrick Mitchell at New Plymouth library. Moms and dads came with kids, 45 total. <https://downtoearthdad.org/>
- Also, teens play Dungeons and Dragons in the multipurpose room.
- **Sherry** – had James Spencer from Nez Perce Tribe – booked from Nez Perce Tourism, Stacia Morphin, <https://www.nezpercetourism.com/tours>
- **Meg** – McCall has been struggling due to construction- hosted Down to Earth Dad – 4 families came, no dads though – Low quantity, High quality
- **McCall & Donnelly** – **hosted an event together – 123 in attendance,**

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#### Election of Officers:

- Sharla Jensen, Homedale – Chair – Melanie nominated, Lori seconded
- Maria Guest, Cascade – Vice Chair – Meg nominated, Sharla seconded

- Melanie Cope, New Plymouth – Treasurer – Lori nominated, Sherry seconded
- Lori Clark , Middleton – Secretary – Melanie nominated, Meg seconded
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#### Question and Answer Session

Agenda items for the next meeting: Are there any items that anyone would like to have on next month's agenda? Please let Sharla know.

Adjournment at 11:12am

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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.

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