

2021 October director's report

1. We received a thank you and donation of \$300 from Myron Sommerfeld, "Thank you so much for the wonderful work you are doing. The Peggy Lee Book is Great".
2. Director attended the North Dakota Library Conference in Grand Forks the beginning of the month. There was a lot of discussion regarding the future of libraries and librarianship. Talking with other public library directors, almost without exception, they are also feeling stressed and burned out. We are investigating ways to create a mutual support system.
3. The director has been appointed to the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council by Governor Burgum. The appointment was effective September 13th and runs through June 2024. The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council assists in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of North Dakota libraries. The council meets quarterly at libraries across the state.
4. Director is working on a Library Vision grant for library marketing due October 31st. It's a two phase grant over two years, first year is constructing a comprehensive plan, second year is putting the plan into action and evaluating its impact. Phase one is a maximum of \$7500. We will have to apply for each grant separately.
5. Staff are requesting time off for the holidays and to make sure they use accrued time off so they lose it at the beginning of the year.
6. Director will be taking some weekdays off semi-regularly. He was recently made the permanent low brass substitute with the Dakota Brass Quintet and will be playing some afternoon gigs this fall.