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TRAVERSE DES SIOUX LIBRARY SYSTEM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT

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March 2010

✚ Sibley County is seeing some personal changes in library directorship. Karen Spaude from Gibbon retired on March 4. Kimberly Holmquist will be the new Gibbon Public Library Director as of March 5.

Wanda Messner, Gaylord Public Library Director is retiring as of March 31. Sibley County has advertised for Wanda's replacement. See <http://www.co.sibley.mn.us/job.aspx?Id=5fb032fb-f77a-456e-99f9-f12528b316f8> for more information.

✚ Still time and a space or two left to register for the March 24 workshop, "*Fast & Fun: Lightning Presentations on Library 2.0 tools & Topics*". The Workshop will begin at 10:00 in the TdS Conference Room. Register on the March calendar at tdslib.org.

✚ Thirty + children's librarians and staff attended the *Get Ready to Make a Splash at your Library* Kickoff at the St. Peter Community Center on Friday, February 12. Cooperative Summer Library Program Manual Editor Patti Sinclair presenting book recommendations, demonstrated activities, and got everyone enthused for summer reading! I hear the "Shark" dance was especially fun!!!?

✚ TdS's ACHF Grant Review Committee met again on March 1 and approved another \$17,867 in subgrants to libraries and library partners.

The ACHF Committee is **excited** to announce a series of regional programs in April, May and June.

Thursday, April 8, Harmon Killebrew (Hall of Famer and former MN Twin) at the Church of St. Peter, in St. Peter

Tuesday, May 4, Annie Griffiths Belt (National Geographic Photographer and MN native), at South Central College Conference Center, North Mankato

Thursday, June 10, Jeannette Walls (author of *The Glass Castle* and *Half Broke Horses*), at Martin Luther College, New Ulm

More publicity will be available soon, but mark your calendars with these dates and share with your staff, boards and patronage. All three of these programs will be open to the public. Spread the word.

✚ On February 23, two members of the TdS ACHF Committee – Stacy Lienemann, Assistant Director for Watonwan County Library and Kris Wily, Assistant Director and Program Coordinator for New Ulm Public Library gave a great programming workshop to a small, but captive audience. TdS Director Dayle Zelenka was on hand to answer specific questions about ACHF grants,

There is still money available so apply before June 30. Application and more information is online at: <http://tdslib.org/achf>

✚ EngagedPatrons (TdS's online calendar) has just announced that the *View My Events* feature released in late January has now been expanded to allow patrons to track any and all upcoming events that might interest them, not only those for which they are registered. To enhance patron privacy, users will now be prompted for a password along with their email address to access their Events.

In addition, new social features have been added to *View My Events*. Patrons can email their event listings to a friend, or post their library events to Facebook, Twitter or delicious.

✚ YA Discussion Group meets on Monday, March 15 and discussion will focus on this summer's Battle of the Books and teen program ideas for summer.

✚ Reference Use's Group meets on Tuesday, March 23. Come join the discussion about how to provide the best Reference service in your library and what's available at Minitex.



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2010 Calendar Dates

- Thursday, March 11 **TdS Directors' Meeting**
TdS, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, March 15 **YA Discussion Group**
TdS, 9:30
- Thursday, March 18 **TdS Board Meeting**
TdS, 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, March 20 **Wanda Messner Retirement Open House**
Gaylord Public Library, 1:00 – 3:00
- Tuesday, March 23 **Reference Users' Group**
TdS, 10:00 a.m.
Register online at: <http://engagedpatrons.org/Events.cfm?Siteid=3499>
- Wednesday, March 24 **Fast & Fun: Lightening Presentations on Library 2.0 Tools & Topics**
TdS, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Register online at: <http://engagedpatrons.org/Events.cfm?Siteid=3499>
- Friday, March 26 **TdS Technical Services Meeting**
TdS, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Register online at: <http://engagedpatrons.org/Events.cfm?Siteid=3499>
- Thursday, April 8 **TdS Circulation Users Group**
TdS, 9:00 – 12:00
Register online at: <http://engagedpatrons.org/Events.cfm?Siteid=3499>
- Thursday, April 8 **Storytellers with Harmon Killebrew**
Church of St. Peter, St. Peter
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 15 **TdS Board Meeting**
TdS, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 15 **SMILE Annual Meeting**
Bethany Lutheran College
- Tuesday, May 4 **Storytellers with Annie Griffiths Belt**
South Central College Conference Center, North Mankato
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 5 **Serving Your Community**
Minnesota Certification Workshop (but all are invited to attend)
TdS, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 13 **TdS Directors' Meeting**
TdS, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 20

TdS Board Meeting

TdS, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 10

Storytellers with Jeannette Walls

Martin Luther College, New Ulm

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 17

TdS Board Meeting

TdS, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 15

TdS Board Meeting

TdS, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 7

Battle of the Books

Teen groups of four, battle it out with trivia questions from six books

Bethany Lutheran College Gym, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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