



THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE

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Meeting Thursdays at Noon in the Paonia Town Hall

District 5470

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LAST MEETING: July 18, 2019

President Coombe Presided.

Rotary Guest: Laura Derby from Pikes Peak Rotary

Key Guest: No key guest today (Ed Bliss).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be a very short board meeting today after the Rotary meeting.

Program: Delta County Libraries

Peggy introduce Ariana Chavira, the Manager of the Paonia Library, and Tracy Ihnot, the Library District Communications Director publicity for the Delta County Libraries.

Ariana lives in Delta and has three sons. Tracy has 2 children and has lived in Paonia for many years.

Tracy started the program: Why are Libraries important? This is not a simple answer. Libraries are the cornerstones of communities. Libraries are the stories about how libraries change peoples' lives and gets to the heart of why libraries are important. Tracy has been with library for 3 years, but her story of the library goes back much farther. Tracy's 8-year old son always went to story time on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in Hotchkiss at the library and his sister, now 2-years old, has been going since she was a baby. The librarian went to the school to provide story time in preschool and in kindergarten. Her son was a reluctant reader, but the library has become a big part of his life. The librarian asked her son to read the story at story time, which made him very proud.

Tracy's young daughter now also goes to story time.

People have learned many different things by going to the library. Anya was inspired to play the harp and others are using the library to learn English and other languages. The quality of life of senior citizens has been enhanced by library staff taking books to them in their homes. Every 4-year old gets a free book for story time.

Highlights of 2018:

Adult literacy program lost a huge grant in 2017, but despite the loss that program is stronger than ever. It was pieced together with small grants and with the dedication of staff. The library also provides High School Equivalency testing, college proctoring and other services.

School outreach:

Student e-card program provides safe and reliable Internet access for students—2000 students were given library cards. The libraries are a huge research resource for students.

Discover health exhibit - aligned with state requirements for grades 2nd and 6th was done at the Delta Library which included a scavenger hunt and crafts.

Classrooms go to the library for library visits.

The Summer Reading Program has hundreds of kids register each year.

Libraries are important because people and families are important, community and our counties are important. Like a link on the chain that makes our county strong.

Ariana has been with the library district for 10 years. She has been the Spanish liaison, librarian, and is now the director of the Paonia Library. Paonia library is the second busiest library in the county. Anyone can help by coming to library and introducing yourself to Ariana so she can get to know you.

At the Paonia library:

Every kid that registers for summer reading gets a summer reading log. This year 112 kids registered. 34 have completed 408 hours of reading. Those who complete the reading log (12-hours of reading) get a t-shirt with pictures of the theme for the year. 14 teens and 70 adults also registered for summer reading. Teens and adults have various programs during the season, i.e., the Tuesday Concert Series in Paonia at 6:30 p.m.

The first Maker Space at the library made UFO's and the second Maker Space made flying saucers out of Legos.

Laura Lee Yates retirement will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 30th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.— program announcement passed out—followed by the last concert of 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

5800 patrons came through the doors of Paonia library in June 2019. There is the new online Library at www.deltalibraries.org. In 2018 there were over 1 million people who used the Libraries' Wi-Fi.

Q&A

The use of on-line resources is soaring. This is used by younger folks and increased by 41% from 2017 to 2018.

Access for the Mango Language Learning Program is another valuable resource. This is a free service through the Library. You can learn 72 different languages.

Kids can read anything they want in Summer Reading Program.

Level of support: the county contributes ~\$50K to funding. 80% of funding comes from taxes. The level of funding is not sufficient. Libraries are in trouble. Since 2011 \$657K decrease in funding, while expenses are going up. Board of Trustees will be placing a mill levy proposal on the November ballot.

To get more online and e-books from the Library you can make a purchase request for those online.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
7/25/2019	David Wood		District Governor
8/1/2019	Melissa Palmer - DCMH	End of Life Options law	Bain Weinberger
8/8/2019	RYLA Students	RYLA	Glenn Dahlgren
8/15/2019			Bill Bishop
8/22/2019			Sarah Bishop
8/29/2019		Fifth Thursday	
9/5/2019			Ed Bliss
9/12/2019			Pam Bliss
9/19/2019			Randy Campbell
9/26/2019			John Coombe
10/3/2019		Business meeting	
10/10/2019			Felix Belmont
10/17/2019			Marsha Grant
10/24/2019			Barb Heck
10/31/2019			Fifth Thursday
11/7/2019			Mike Heck
11/14/2019			Ulli Lange
11/21/2019			Bob Lario
11/28/2019		no meeting	
12/5/2019			Betsy Marston
12/12/2019			Jackie Parks
12/19/2019			Kevin Parks
1/2/2019			Karri Polson

