

Meeting notes: Mentoring committee of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC), June 17, 2010

The mentoring committee met following the adjournment of the NDLCC meeting in the Project Room of the Heritage Center.

Participants in the committee meeting were Doris Ott, Cindy Clairmont-Schmidt, Wilbur Stolt, and Rosemarie Myrdal. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for a mentoring project involving librarians working in North Dakota public libraries.

Two concepts for mentoring relationships were discussed. The first concept was to facilitate peer to peer interaction between librarians who are new to the state or who may be working in smaller libraries without other staff; this kind of mentoring would provide opportunities to learn new skills and solve problems relating to library services.

The second concept was to facilitate interaction among librarians focused on specific issues: for example, construction or renovating of library buildings, passage of bond issues or mill levies, local government relationships, training for library workers, working with library boards, or management of special collections.

The mentoring program for librarians at Valley State University was discussed. It was pointed out that Valley City provides library education for school librarians. The committee agreed that more information was needed. Doris and Cindy will take the following action steps.

- Contact Valley City State for more information about their mentoring program
- Compile a list of librarians with experience in specific issues
- Identify librarians who have indicated a need for a mentoring relationship
- Identify funding that might be available to support training for mentors
- Prepare a report for the October 12-13 meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. Meeting notes compiled by Rosemarie Myrdal.