

NDLA PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION REPORT TO NDLA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Public Library Chairman #12

- The theme for 2009 Summer Reading Program is “Be Creative @ Your Library,” and for teens, “Express Yourself @ Your Library”.
- There is a new round of Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation Grants being offered to Public Libraries in North Dakota.
- Mike Safratowich presented a new consumer health service called “Go Local North Dakota” at the Public Library Section Meeting.
- The revision of the Public Library Manual will not be done as the State Library has written documents to educate the Public Library Boards. It was discussed and decided that no standards for libraries would be established as there was no way to enforce them.
- Began working with the State Library to approve their budget. A strategy will need to be formulated to re-instate the requested amounts by the State Library of \$300,000 for state aid and \$200,000 for online services.
- Began work as Nominating Committee. Zach Packineau has volunteered to run as Chairman-elect and Karen Kohoutek has volunteered to run as secretary.