

## THE MOXEE LIBRARY HISTORY

The Moxee Library League started in June of 1980 with a small group of women in attendance. Over the years the group dwindled and grew to a point that today we have ten very active members and others that help at special times.

Our purpose for forming was to assist the Library and Librarian in areas not supplied by the Regional Library or Moxee City.

Our first six months were busy while we planned a booth at the August Hop Festival. This was managed with borrowed money and many craft donations from the Community. The Library always treated the children of the Community, so our group made large sized Treat Bags for their use. The League helped with the Library's Annual Christmas Party complete with a Santa, movies and treats. Our year ended with a bank account of \$387.03 and a commitment to purchase a 16mm movie projector and maintain the present copy machine and typewriter.

Moxee's Community Pool had been condemned at that time, so the League took on the challenge of providing the children of the area some summer entertainment such as Disney movies, a Science Fair and Energy projects, Silly Parade (with news media present), nutritious food tasting and puppet plays. Some special speakers for the adults were also presented. After several years the pool was rebuilt. Some trial and error attempts were made by the League to continue a summer event for the children. A program in the Park with a circus theme was the most popular. Over the next ten years we gave them Professor's Bud's Childrens Circus, Skippers Fish Pond, games borrowed from the local school carnival, Yakima Parks and Recreation, Gymnastics Plus and a local magician, always followed by ice cream. United Way assisted us financially for many of the summer programs.

Our group has assisted at Community, City or Library events such as Open House, Recognition Teas, Halloween and Christmas Parties and Pictures with Santa. Although we have several projects over the year, we still take time to socialize. We have several "Dinner Meetings" a year, a family picnic in August, A Christmas Party for ourselves and a family Potluck in February which includes our Library Board and some staff from Regional.

Our Bazaar, in October, is our only fund raiser now. It is included in the East Valley Country Treasure Tour at the end of October. Adult and Childrens raffles, a Kiddie Table, Bake Sale (well supported by volunteer bakers), and craft vendors, many who return year after year. Come check us out on October 25th only.

Over the years our efforts have supplied the Library with a 16mm projector, locked glass display case, electric typewriter (which we maintain along with a replaced copy machine gifted to us by a great benefactor), a T.V. and V.C.R. in a nice locked cabinet, tables for the community room, additional book cases, Story Time materials, books and records and any other needed supplies.

We work hard but have a lot of fun along with it.

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