

Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns

11/13/2018

- The Forest Lodge Library is pleased to report that we had approximately 100 people in attendance at the Candidate's Forum we hosted at the Cable Community Centre on Friday, Oct. 26. In attendance were Janet Bewley and James Bolen, candidates for the 25th Wisconsin State Senate District and Beth Meyers and Jeffrey Fahl, candidates for the 74th Wisconsin Assembly District. (other candidates were contacted but did not respond to our request.) Library Director Kristine Lendved served as Moderator and library staff members Vikki Erba and Jennifer Hartling and Library Board member Anne Paul assisted by soliciting questions from those attending, sorting the questions and offering a representative selection to the Moderator and timing the candidates. Each candidate was given the opportunity to offer both opening and closing statements and we got through 10 questions on 10 different subjects that all candidates responded to. We were very pleased with the response to the Candidate's Forum.
- We also had 100 kids, parents, ghouls and goblins in to trick 'er treat on Halloween night. The town was full and festive, with the Trunk and Treat event going on. Decent weather helped!
- Our Facility Development Committee had a second meeting with a representative from Keller Builds on 10/18. We were presented with a Needs Assessment booklet, a compilation of information gathered at a prior meeting, and rendered into an approximate size, with notes about programming and services we hope to be able to offer, etc. The Committee met again on 11/8, having had an opportunity to review and consider the information offered. We made a lot of notes on things we were unclear about, spaces we'd like to be bigger, etc. We will meet with Keller again on 11/27. While it does seem like it's taking a long time, each step gets us closer to having something like a proposed floor plan which will make all of this much easier to talk about.
- The library is working with Chris Frash of CF Webservices on a new website. Our existing website was developed and hosted through the Northern Waters Library Service, a service that they are discontinuing. It has been about a decade, though, so, likely time for an update. Our new site will be mobile friendly.
- The State of Wisconsin came up with extra funding for its public libraries in 2018, monies that had not been budgeted and which meant we had to figure out something worthy to spend them on. One thing the Northern Waters Library Service system did was renew our subscription to Ancestry.com, something we had voted to discontinue because of budget increases in other areas. After reviewing a couple of different platforms, our system has also purchased a subscription to Gale Courses which is a very exciting opportunity for all of our patrons! You could take a class in

anything from...basic accounting...to language...to Windows 10, the offerings are vast. All you need to accomplish it is a library card!

- On Thursday, 11/8, we hosted a presentation called VISITING THE HOMESTEAD about using genealogical research to plan travel to “the old country.” Delores Grunwald of Duluth (who happens to be Director Lendved’s cousin on the Norwegian side) shared strategies and tips based on her own research for the trip she and other family members took to visit family farms in Norway in the summer of 2018.
- On Thursday, 11/15 we welcome Madeline Uraneck, a writer, educator and former International Education Consultant for the Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction. She’ll offer a presentation based on her recently published book HOW TO MAKE A LIFE. (Wisconsin Historical Press. 2018.) A number of years ago she offered a “hello” to the Tibetan woman who was cleaning her office, which turned into long years of friendship. Uraneck assisted the woman in bringing her husband and children, who were located in a Tibetan Refugee Settlement in India, to the US. Their lives are still intertwined all these many years later. Sounds like a heart-warming tale! 7:00 at the library. (clearly somebody forgot to check her Packer schedule!)
- The Cable Natural History Museum has scheduled some work on our stone chimney. The outside work is done, including removing the old brick chimney from our roof. The next phase will be inside the library. They need to repair and rebuilt the chimney’s interior. We anticipate that we will need to close or offer limited hours for a few days, although we don’t, yet, know just when that may be. IF we’re open, the Forest Lodge Library will be the post-Cable Christmas-tree lighting “hospitality station” on Friday, 11/30, around 5:30 or 6:00, for anyone who would care to attend.
- We offer our very, very sincere thanks to our communities for budgeting your 2019 “contribution” to the Forest Lodge Library to be the same as it was in 2018. We are very grateful and our patrons will be very thankful as these funds comprise the majority of our collection development budget. THANKS!!!
- We’re always up to something here at the library. Keep track of what’s going on by visiting our website, which will be cable.wislib.org for at least a little while longer, following us on Facebook, giving us a call at 715-798-3189...or stop on in. We’re always happy to see you at the library!