

Forest Lodge Library  
Report to Towns  
6/11/2019

\* We were pleased to have pretty good attendance at our Public Input Sessions regarding our Facility Expansion Project at meetings on June 6th. By our count we had 35 attend the session at the Cable Community Centre and 40 at the Namakagon Town Hall. Devin Flanigan, our Keller Builds representative was able to be present at both sessions and offered a slide presentation on the current version of the preliminary plan. Library Staff and Board offered some project history and reasoning for why we feel that our communities need an expanded facility. Many questions were asked, among them, why does the library have to be so big AND is it big enough? We now have large format copies of the most recent plans and Director Lendved would be happy to share them with anyone who's interested in looking at them. She would also be willing to attend any Town meeting to offer further explanation of these plans. One thing we all want to be sure that everyone understand is that: no changes will be made to the exterior OR interior of the log cabin library. Apparently, because the log cabin in the project rendering doesn't look exactly like the actual library, people think that change is afoot. That is not the case. We ALL value the log cabin library as a community icon.

\* A copy of the preliminary plans in large format were left at the Namakagon Town Hall. A set is available for the Town of Cable, should they wish to have one. We are also happy to supply you with copies of our Case Statement and the accompanying brochure.

\* But, speaking of changes, the handicapped ramp to our back door has been torn off and is being replaced by a concrete patio, itself part of a larger project on Cable Natural History Museum grounds to improve pathways around the property. As part of the project, they plan, also, to re-do our front stairs, which are in need of some work. We are told that they will, for one thing, be widened. We think folks must've had much smaller feet back in 1925.

\* We had just short of 30 people in attendance for an author visit from Nickolas Butler, a best-selling author who lives down in the coulee region of the state. This was a partnership event with Redbery Books and concluded with a Pie Social! Although he wasn't born here, he mostly grew up here and Butler writes with skill and grace about our landscape and our values and we highly recommend his work to our readers!

\* We have another author event coming up on Thursday, 6/20. This will be at 6:30 at the library, also a partnership with Redbery. Writer Jim Guhl is retired from a career in engineering and currently lives in the Hudson area. His first novel, ELEVEN MILES TO OSHKOSH was published last year by the University of Wisconsin Press. We hope you'll think of attending his presentation! Books will be available for purchase through Redbery.

\* The Wiz Kidz continue to offer tech mentoring at the library on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, from 4:30 until 6:00. This program originated with an effort by the ADRC of the North and we're delighted it continues at our location. The Wiz Kidz, Katelyn Bolen and Alec Campbell, are skilled and generous young people happy to share their knowledge. If you, or anyone you know, is struggling to figure out how to use their phone or their tablet or their laptop...send them on over to The Wiz

Kidz! We are witnesses! They can show people how to make their devices work!

\* Stay tuned for information on Summer 2019's NOVEL AFFAIR. Local music...food truck...library services showcase...and another opportunity to take a closer look at our proposed plans! We'll know the date...SOON!

\* As always, thanks, to our communities, for their strong support. Don't hesitate to let us know if there's anything we can do for you! To keep track of what we've got going on visit our website, [forestlodgelibrary.org](http://forestlodgelibrary.org), follow us on Facebook, give us a call at 715-798-3189, or, of course, we're always happy to see you at the library! We're also in the process of (finally) trying to rebuild an email list we lost during our last migration from one email system to another. The opportunity to add your email to our list online will soon be available, and, in the meantime, you could call or email us to let us know! Our "general" email is:

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