

The Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns – 9/10/2019

- Ah, September! While we enjoy seeing everyone during the busy season that is summer, it is also a relief to return to a mellower pace!
- Library Aide Zachary Larson, who we were pleased to have on staff through the summer, returned to his teaching position mid-August. We have recently hired Sidney Reynolds as Library Aide to pick up Fridays, Saturdays...and whatever other days may be available to her. Having her on staff has initiated a couple of new programming ideas, like, for example, a monthly play-reading session. Stop in and welcome Sidney to our ranks!
- At our last Library Board meeting, on August 15th, we met with a professional fundraiser to discuss that effort for our facility expansion project. Reid Zimmerman is a now-retired professional fundraiser and offered us a wealth of information and resources. It was, well, sobering and somewhat daunting but, also, invigorating and empowering. As per his suggestion, we are taking a bit of a pause to consider how better and how best to move forward. While Mr. Zimmerman is available to serve as an ongoing consultant, he also encouraged us to talk to a few more fundraising professionals before choosing one to be sure we feel we have a good fit for our communities and our project.
- Another thing that we have been looking at is a Civil Engineering survey of the property in specific consideration of water run-off. Our Keller Builds liaison, Devin Flanigan, forwarded proposals from several Civil Engineering firms for our review. While we retain sufficient funds in our savings account to accomplish such a survey, we are also thinking of holding off on such an effort until spring.
- The Book House has been open every Saturday through the summer months and a few extra days, as well. They are now closed until Fall Fest, when they'll be open both Friday and Saturday, so, get ready to stock up! (or, of course, just check out your winter reading from the library!)
- Upcoming on Thursday, Sept. 26th, Sarah Boles will present a documentary called CAPTURING GRACE about the partnership between a troupe of professional dancers and a group of Parkinson's patients. Together they devised a series of movement exercises which are beneficial for those with Parkinson's or anyone experiencing limited mobility. The presentation will be at 6:30 and the hope is to eventually establish a local group to follow this practice.
- As always, keep track of what's going on by visiting our website, forestlodgelibrary.org, following us on Facebook or just come on in! We love to see you...at the library!