

Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns

3/10/2020

- Director Lendved attended a Merlin Consortium and Northern Waters Library Service Director's meeting in Ashland on 2/27. We, as a system and consortium, have subscribed to a new service, SHOUTBOMB, that sends notifications to our patrons via email, phone or text, regarding items ready for them to pick-up or items overdue, etc. We generally make our own calls regarding items ready for pick-up, but, our volume is such that same is practicable for us. If we were Superior or Ashland we would certainly be taking full advantage of this service! We also discussed state and national efforts to involve local libraries in Workforce Development efforts and with Census 2020. For the latter, we expect that we may have a number of people who might need some assistance filling out their form online. For the Workforce Development effort, Director Lendved will be attending an upcoming training.
- It is worth encouraging everyone to participate in Census 2020. Every uncounted individual will cost the state \$1200 in lost/unavailable benefits.
- We had a few people participate in our "Date Your Library" activity! Intended as an opportunity to browse our collection, we'll certainly plan to offer this next year and this time extend it to the entire month of February. Many people thought it was a "cute" idea, but, the month ran out before they got around to it, even with the extra day!
- On Friday, 3/13, we will "host" a discussion of THE WOMAN'S HOUR by Elaine Weiss at Tilly's Pie Shop at 2 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. The Chequamegon Bay League of Women's Voters championed the idea of area libraries hosting these book discussions and we anticipate that several members of that organization will be present.
- On 3/17 the GET A CLUE Book Club, a partnership effort with Redbery Books, will meet at the library to discuss ALTER EGO by Brian Freeman. This particular title is set in Duluth and it's always fun to read something where one recognizes many of the streets, landmarks and businesses! This is an open book club that meets every other month. For more information contact either the library or Redbery Books.
- We continue to work on development of a fundraising campaign. We've been updating our Donations Policy and our case for why our communities will benefit from the Library Expansion Project. We will keep you posted!