

Forest Lodge Library
Report to Towns
8/4/2020

- Well, 2020 is surely not like any summer in recent memory. People are certainly using the library but we haven't seen the kind of traffic we are accustomed to, which is a good thing. Technically, we're at 50% maximum capacity if there are 6 people in here at any one time. We are happy to report that people have been compliant with our masking policy. We supply masks for those who arrive without them. We have disposables and some cloth masks donated to us by a local seamstress. We also supply hand sanitizer and disposable gloves. If people are browsing the collection, we ask them to place anything they handle but don't check out in a bin to be quarantined. (unless they're grabbed a pair of gloves.) We have items on patron hold set up on our big central table and have arranged our item check-out equipment so that people can scan their own items out, minimizing hand to hand contact via library items.
- We had been quarantining items for 72 hours, but, then received information that the virus might last longer on glossy paper, board, books, that type of item. The current quarantine recommendation is 96 hours.
- At our July Board meeting the Board of Trustees did determine that it would not be responsible to have the planned 95th Celebration on August 16th. We have come up with a way to celebrate anyway. A number of area restaurants have agreed to come up with a "library special" to offer sometime during the month of August. We're creating a game card and invite our patrons and friends to pick one up at the library, or, we'd be happy to send you one and hope you'll sample as many of the library specials as you can manage. The library will be purchasing gift certificates from participating restaurants and they'll be verifying your purchase of their special item. Turn those in at the end of August and those with the most points will be eligible to win the purchased gift certificates. Bonus points if you send us a photo of yourself enjoying the special. Participating restaurants at the time of this writing are: The Brick House Café, The Velo Café, The Rivers Eatery, Tilly's Pies, The Cable Café, Ammo's Evergreen, The Lakewoods and The Loon Saloon. Visit our website for information on who will be offering what specials when: forestlodgelibrary.org.
- We will continue to offer open hours at the library as well as curbside pick-up, unless it should come to pass that COVID cases in the county should warrant another closure, a decision that would be made by the Board of Trustees with information from local and state health departments, our library system and the WI Dept. of Public Instruction. If that were to happen, we would still endeavor to offer curbside pick-up. We will not be planning any in house library programming at this time.