

Forest Lodge Library
Report to Towns
10/13/2020

- As part of advance planning for our Facility Expansion Project and on the advise of Keller Builds, our design/contracting partner, a Civil Engineering survey of the property for the proposed building site and the existing property was accomplished in the last weeks of September. A topographical survey was conducted and, later, soil boring samples were taken at various locations on both properties. We expect to receive a report in November and this should provide us all with some information and insight on water issues and potential solutions with current and future configurations.
- It's time for us to accomplish an inventory of our collection! The last time one was done was back in 2012, so, we are due. The Northern Waters Library Service will loan us the mobile equipment needed to scan all the barcodes. This will require us being closed a couple of days, although we don't know, just yet, when those days will be. We are scheduled to receive and hold the equipment for the first two weeks in November, but, may receive it earlier than that. We're hoping to accomplish a bit of "pre-weeding" so we don't have to scan books that we'll ultimately remove from the collection, anyway. We'll provide our patrons with several days notice when we do plan to close and will offer curbside pickup on those days. Closure should not be for more than two days.
- We have assembled an Executive (Steering) Committee to manage a Campaign Plan for our Facility Expansion Project. We will have our first meeting on Monday, 10/26 under the guidance of Jim Radford of the Baker Street Consulting Group. We worked with Mr. Radford earlier this year in the development of a Campaign Plan and he conducted a scaled back Feasibility Study on our behalf to determine the...feasibility of our project's ability to raise sufficient funds. The Katie Flowers Endowment is financing our next engagement with Baker Street. The first portion was funded with reserve library funds. We are excited to finally be here and look forward to keeping you posted on our progress.
- We have been trying to keep our website updated with items of interest. There's a recently posted item on information literacy, or, how to guard against disinformation and misinformation and new updates to How to Entertain Yourself during a Pandemic. Check it out at forestlodgelibrary.org.