

Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns

1/12/2021

- Happy New Year! Expecting we are all glad to have turned the calendar page away from 2020 and hoping that this New Year may, eventually, see us conquering COVID and getting back to business as usual.
- One of our last activities of the year was to offer a virtual story-telling session which was scheduled in conjunction with the Drummond School on the last day before the Christmas holidays. Story-teller Tracy Chipman offered up “The Furred, Finned, Feathered and Frosted,” old tales of giants and beasts and fish. The kind of tales that were once told around the campfire in the days before the internet or television or radio or books. Tales from the oral tradition. We had a 103 in attendance...via the very modern medium of Zoom!
- We continue to work on developing our Capital Campaign Plan. We have assembled an Executive Committee who have met a number of times, virtually, with Jim Radford, from Baker Street Consulting. We are working on developing a larger Campaign Cabinet/Committee, updating our marketing materials and website and getting organized to approach some major donors with our proposal. We will most certainly keep you posted.
- One development on that front is the establishment of the Fred & Winnie Gall Memorial Community Study Room fund. We in the community are all sorry to note the departure of Winnie Gall in December, and, we at the library are very honored to know that we will house a lasting memorial for Fred and Winnie. You can learn more about this on our website: <https://forestlodgelibrary.org/2020/12/18/fred-winnie-gall-memorial-community-study-room/>
- We launched an end of year request for support for our collection development budget for 2021 which you can reach about at <https://forestlodgelibrary.org/2020/12/21/did-we-make-your-christmas-list/>. A donation could be made to the library or to Redbery Books to be put on our account there. Any donation made before the end of January will enter the donor’s name into a drawing for a gift certificate from a local eatery. Win-win!
- At our Board Trustee meeting this week we will, again, consider offering public access hours in addition to curbside pick-up. Of course we look forward to having patrons back in the building, but, also wish to ensure a safe and secure environment. When a decision has been made it will be posted on our website and our Facebook page and I’ll remind myself to let our Towns know if our re-opening should fall between meeting dates.
- Thanks for your support throughout the pandemic. We believe that better days are coming.