

Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns

3/8/2021

- February is Annual Report month for the library, for libraries all over the state. We were encouraged to learn that, despite being closed for much of the year, our circulation was still at about 62% of what it had been in 2019. We're glad that our patrons took advantage of our curbside pickup service. Use of ebooks increased by 10% and e-audiobooks by 8%. We were active in working to provide entertaining video content on our website and Facebook page and we were entertained to learn that 2063 people watched our online videos with content that included stories, poetry, jokes and songs. We also had 115 people attend 3 virtual programs in "real" time.
- Board representatives met with Cable Natural History Museum personnel and our Keller Builds liaison, Devin Flanigan, to discuss the results of the civil engineering study accomplished this fall on Museum and adjacent Library property. The purpose of the survey was to consider the impact of additional water run-off from the proposed new facility and to recommend mitigation strategies. The group consensus was that now is the time to seriously address this issue and to work together on a solution that will work into the future.
- We reopened our doors to patrons on Monday, March 1st. We have returned to the hours we were offering through the summer months, noon until 4 Monday through Friday and 11 until 2 on Saturdays. We are requiring masks and asking people to enter through the back door and depart through the front door. We will also continue to offer curbside pickup service for those who feel more comfortable not having to enter the building.
- The Capital Campaign Executive Committee continues its work and we look forward to the inaugural (albeit virtual) meeting of our Capital Campaign Cabinet on Tuesday, March 23rd. This is the group of people that will work with us to connect with donors that may help us reach our fundraising goal. We will surely keep our communities posted on the progress of our project!
- In past years the library has hosted Candidate's Forums to give the public an opportunity to connect with candidates in advance of an election. With the pandemic still dictating much of what we can and cannot do, we will make that a virtual effort this year, as well. Director Lendved is working to schedule interviews with all candidates running for the Town of Cable Board of Supervisors. These interviews will be recorded and posted on both the library's and the Town of Cable's website.
- In celebration of St. Patrick's Day we'll be offering access to a virtual Story Time with professional storyteller Tracy Chipman. She will share *The Fairy Folk & Other Tales of Ireland* in a Zoom session at 4:30 on Tues, March 16th. The session will be

available to view at the same Zoom link through March 26th, so, don't miss! Please check our website, forestlodgelibrary.org. and/or our Facebook page for the link.