

Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns

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- We invite you to check out our new website: forestlodgelibrary.org. While not completely done yet it IS up and running! We'd be grateful if you'd take a look at it and if there are things you aren't finding or are having trouble finding or think should be found there, please to let us know! As stated, it is still a work in progress.
- As we've reported in previous installments, the Cable Natural History Museum, our landlord, is planning to have some work done on the interior of our big, beautiful stone chimney to be followed by the installation of a gas fireplace insert. We're quite excited about having a functioning fireplace at the cold end of the log cabin. To accommodate the work, we'll be closed partial days, beginning next Monday, 1/14. We plan to be open from 3 in the afternoon until 7 to accommodate our patrons. We do not know, at this time, how long it will take to accomplish this. We're hoping no longer than a week. We'll advise of the return to regular hours on our website and on our Facebook page as soon as we know when that will be. You may always call us at 715-798-3189. If no one answers: we're still partially closed!
- Beginning on January 10th we'll be offering *Wiz Kidz Tech Assist* mentoring sessions every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, at least until spring months. This program was initially known as "Sip & Swipe" and was offered by the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Council of the North) at the Norvado building. It has now migrated to the library and gotten a new name. The faces of the teen volunteers will be the same. We are grateful to Katelyn Bolen and Alec Campbell for their time to mentor those who are NOT "digital natives." Come on in with your device and your questions and these Wiz Kidz will be happy to help you out! It isn't necessary to make an appointment and there is no fee for the service.
- On Wednesday, Jan. 2, members of the Library Board and our Facility Development Committee met with the Cable Natural History Museum's Executive Committee and other stakeholders to discuss issues related to our proposed new building. Our thanks to those members of Town government who were able to attend! On the whole, we felt it was a successful meeting. The CNHM is open to our mutual application for a Special Exception to allow us to build at or near the property line (zero setback allowance) and, further, has offered to finance and own the planned connecting corridor. That way, the library, and, thus, the Towns, will not own construction that is sited on property they do not own. There was also some discussion of shared use of the log cabin building. We are pleased to have the support of the Museum and our municipalities in this endeavor; would be glad of your feedback on the meeting and will surely keep you posted on our progress.
- We do not, yet, have upcoming activities and programs to report, wishing to wait until the completion of the work on our fireplace before we try to schedule anything for evening hours. We do, however, look forward to another year of entertaining and engaging our communities. Keep track of what we're up to by visiting our new

website, forestlodgelibrary.org, following us on Facebook, calling us at 715-798-3189 or stopping in to see us. You are always welcome at YOUR Forest Lodge Library.