

## Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns – 01/12/2016

- The Forest Lodge Library wishes everyone a Happy New Year! We look forward to another year of service to our communities!
- We had a busy couple of weeks over the holidays, with lots of folks in town looking for ways to entertain themselves. We've also seen quite a few of our patrons over these COLD days...looking for ways to stay entertained while huddling under a blanket! Well, we've got 'em covered!
- We were sorry to have to say farewell to a couple of FLL staff people at the end of 2015. Pam Peterson and her husband are moving to the Eau Claire area and Yulia Welk has too much else going on to continue to maintain her employment here. We have filled the house-keeping vacancy in-house and the vacant Library Aide job has been posted.
- For the past several years we've offered a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills session on the first Saturday of every month. As that was something Yulia generally managed, we're re-thinking that. We absolutely are available to assist anyone with issues with their computer or device, most especially as it pertains to the library (as in downloading a library ebook to one's Kindle or other ereader.) What we will now commence to do is invite people to book time with a librarian...if they would like someone to sit down with them for a block of time and work through some issue. While we are always happy to try to help, it can be a trick to help folks AND run the circulation desk at the same time, thus we'll encourage patrons to make appointments when possible.
- The Northern Waters Library Service email/internet system was having some problems towards the end of December...so, if you tried to send us an email and had it returned, or, tried to visit our website and found it unavailable, that's why. We're told that everything is back on track now...although we still don't have access to our websites to update them.
- The Forest Lodge Library will be receiving funds from Bayfield County in 2016 to begin development of an in-house "media lab." We plan to purchase equipment that will enable us to scan slides and/or negatives and to transfer old VHS tapes to digital files. The funds have been approved although we have yet to commence purchasing. We'll be excited to tell you more about this project as it develops!