

Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns

3/7/2022

- Still have not too much that's news to report. In the last month we've had 2 snow days and an ice day! Looking forward to easier weather and improved drainage. Between ice and snow and water build-up, front door access to the library has been...challenging.
- We are very close to allowing patron access to our Kanopy subscription. There are just a few more tests that must be accomplished, to ascertain that only Cable/Namakagon patrons have access to the service. But, FOR those patrons, if you don't already have a library card, this should certainly be motivation to get one. The Kanopy catalog has thousands of movies, documentaries and tv series. Since we don't know, yet, how the service will be received, we'll begin by offering each patron 5 "credits" per month. Each movie or series episode will be 1 credit, or, if it's a History Channel or A & E series, the entire series will be included. While the newest films may not be in the catalog, there are hundreds of films, old and new, from all over the world. In addition, there are over 7000 Great Courses that will be available to patrons, each with a 30 day "check-out" period. And...while each patron can only check out one per month, these do not count against your credits. Nor will a 30 day "check-out" of Kanopy Kids, which allows access to all their "kids" content for that amount of time. I am quite enthusiastic about this service!
- Through a grant written by the Northern Waters Library Service, we may (we don't know for sure, yet) receive a couple of hotspots to loan. We should also soon be set up for wireless printing, for anyone who comes into the library with their own device. They have, previously, had to log onto one of our public access computers to print anything.
- We will be losing one of our Library Aides this month, and, it's possible we may lose another within the next month. Our Board will be considering how to manage these staff vacancies moving forward.
- At present we have no update on our Capital Campaign, but, we hope to, soon. We would very much like to be able to launch our Public Campaign this summer. We'll keep you posted!