Forest Lodge Library Report to Towns 3/20/2023

- The most exciting news I have to share is about a host of new digital services available to all library patrons. Subscriptions to these services have been undertaken by our library system. We were one of three system libraries who had offered patrons access to Kanopy, a streaming service offering thousands of movies, tv series, documentaries and Great Courses. That service is now available to all library system patrons. WELL worth checking out if you have not already done so. Another new service is called Creativebug which is heaven for arts and crafters! This site contains hundreds of "how to" videos on everything from cooking to crocheting, painting to paper crafts, kids projects to sewing projects. Another new offering is Transparent Languages, offering instruction at levels from beginner to expert in over 100 languages, including American Sign Language and several dialects of Ojibwe. Some units guide you to proficiency in reading, writing, listening AND speaking...including a pronunciation tool. There are other units designed to assist the traveler. If you ever thought to learn a new language...or brush up on one you once had some fluency in, Transparent Languages is the tool for you. Finally, access to the New York Times! AND New York Times Cooking! You can read more about these services and how to access them on our website: forestlodgelibrary.org. If you do not already have a library card, here is yet more incentive to get one!
- We continue to review our Library Expansion Project. On the one hand, we are working with Keller to re-size the project, in consideration of upward spiraling building costs. On the other hand, we continue to research other possible funding sources. We have recently received a proposed new site plan from Keller and will meet with them (virtually) before the end of the month. When there is something definitive to share with our Towns we will certainly do so.
- On Saturday, April 1 at 2:00 at the library we'll welcome area author Nick VanderPuy who'll share his book, THE WATER PROTECTORS.
- In the meantime we, like all of you, anxiously await more springlike weather!
- Stop and see us at the library or follow what we're up to on our website or Facebook page.