

Report to Towns  
8/23/2023

- All who attended had a blast at our Reading Carnival on the afternoon of July 20<sup>th</sup>. We had nearly 50 folks of varying ages come in. They made masks, they played games, they had snacks....and many of them had a conversation with The Northern Nerd who set up with his podcast for the afternoon to talk to kids about libraries. Here's a link to a story about it on our website:  
<https://forestlodgelibrary.org/2023/07/20/who-knows-how-to-have-fun-reading-carnival-2023/>
- Bayfield County offers its libraries an annual Building Strong Libraries Grant Program. The amount available is the difference between what 100% reimbursement for patron usage would be and the amount that they allocate for us. (They are required to reimburse at 70% and the actual reimbursement percentage is still a bit above that.) The grant funds are intended to cover capital expenses, not operational, and land acquisition/building are among the approved categories. For the third consecutive year we have requested what would be available to us, once other libraries have their projects funded, to be used for the library expansion project. This is the last year that the County will hold these funds for us, so, hoping very much that we'll be able to provide evidence of the project happening by the end of 2024.
- The Director Search is underway. The job was posted on August 1. I know that the Search Committee has received a few applications and will be meeting next week to discuss their next steps.
- Along with that, under discussion is a "farewell" for ... the current director. Although we do not yet have a date, a Farewell Open House is one of the options under discussion. We'll keep you posted!
- We look forward to offering a MAKERSPACE: Audition in early October, taking advantage of the fact that theater professional Rosina Reynolds will still be in the area at that time. This will be an opportunity for people to learn what it's like to audition for "the part"...and will include an opportunity to read a scene, for whoever may be so inclined. October 5<sup>th</sup> is the planned date.
- We are thinking that a Community Conversation about the Town of Cable Comprehensive Land Use Plan might be a good idea. Looking at an 8/30 date for what will be a conversation rather than a presentation about the Comp Plan. It would present another opportunity to offer input on the Plan.
- Check our website, forestlodgelibrary.org, or follow us on Facebook to keep track of what we have going on! Or, stop in sometime. We'd be delighted to see you!