

Report to Towns:

2/12/2024

- The transition of directors from Director Lendved to Director Westlund has gone well. As the new director, this past month I have started to become acclimated with all of the duties – library budget, policies, held our first staff meeting with our library aides, working with the Northern Waters Library System and staff – it has been a very full and busy month of learning. I have greatly appreciated the wonderful support given by Kristine, the staff, the board, and the community. I look forward to continued support as I continue to learn and grow to best serve the community with our library and its services.
- Vikki Erba will be leaving her position at the library at the end of February. I was able to hold an interview and hire a new aide. Deb Roedel comes to us from the Hayward library, and we welcome her experience and skills to our Forest Lodge Library! She will be starting in mid-February. We are sad to see Vikki go, but happy to have her here for some time to help mentor with a new hire and with the possibility of subbing in the future if needed.
- February Library Activities at the Forest Lodge Library:
 - ‘Why I Love My Library’ story – drawing for \$50 visa card
 - Tell us why you love the Forest Lodge Library and get entered to win a \$50 visa card. This is through the Northern Waters Library System, not just our library.
 - Library Lovers Bingo
 - Pick up a bingo sheet at the library – complete a bingo by the end of the month and turn it in for a chance to win a prize bucket.
 - There are three age categories: child, teen, and adult
 - National Read Aloud Day – February 7th – 10 AM
 - There was no one that attended this, but I was able to connect with a homeschool family about the timing and will know for future story time activities that an afternoon time might work better.
- Expansion and Katie Flowers Endowment are making progress. Carl Lippert and Mary Jean Fenske have been able to meet with prospective builders to get estimates on possible costs. Fundraising is also continuing to come in. Both Carl and Mary Jean would have more information on this subject.

~ Director Amanda Westlund