

## **Forest Lodge Library Report**

### **August 2024**

#### **Library Expansion Update:**

The Design Development Committee had the opportunity to meet with Tom Westlund of Westlund Consultancy and Jesse Cain of Royal Construction Management to go over three schematic plan designs. During this meeting, members of the team discussed what plan was favored and what features we felt needed to be possibly changed or moved around. Tom Westlund then took our notes and feedback and reworked them into one schematic plan that the committee then reconvened and looked over again. At this meeting, we felt that it was better but there were still a few things to change. Carl Lippert (FLL board president) agreed that he would go over these changes with Tom Westlund but that he didn't feel Tom would have the time to make the changes before our upcoming August FLL board meeting. It is still our intent to discuss the schematic plan that we have settled on at this time with the rest of the FLL board at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and see how they feel going forward. Discussion was also had about adding a small kitchenette in the new conference/meeting space and about what the outdoor space is specifically going to be (pavilion, gazebo, etc.) – it was felt that these needed to be board approved decisions, so they are on the August 14<sup>th</sup> agenda.

The Book House is now closed for book sales. Book sales continue to happen in the front vestibule of the log cabin library. We are not accepting any donations of books or materials at this time.

The plan for the Book House at this time is for Dave Popelka to move the Book House later this month. Almost all items have been cleared out of the house at this point in time.

We have a couple of upcoming fundraisers to help support our fundraising efforts:

- **Rhythm & Books – Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cable Park from 2pm to 8pm**
- **Big Woods Big Band – Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Rivers – free performance, CD sale proceeds go to benefit the library expansion**

**Donations are still accepted in person at the library and online at our website. Thanks for all of the support!**

#### **Library Programs:**

We continue to have:

- Storytime and Crafts
- Books & Boards: Tweens & Teens (which is now utilizing our Virtual Reality Headset and enjoyed a fun game of fending off squirrels recently)
- Silent Book Club
- Adult Makerspace (in August – Book Planters – both at Cable and Namakagon)

New activity:

- Author Visit: Poet/Author – Franco Pagnucci – we had a small group that enjoyed his reading and discussion.
- Spoons For the People musical presentation – we had a small group that enjoyed Vince’s performance and even learned how to play our own nose flute!

**Other news:**

Director Amanda Westlund will be starting the first of her four courses through UW-Madison to finish up schooling for library licensure. Having already obtained her Bachelor of Science, the library license is only needing four courses to be completed in the next four years. This first course will start in early September and be online.

Respectfully submitted by  
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