

Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns of Cable and Namakagon

October 2024

Library Expansion Updates:

The Library Expansion Design Community Update Meetings went well in both Cable and Namakagon. We had guests attend at both venues that listened to the Forest Lodge Library Board president give a brief history of the library expansion project and talk about where we are now. Then I (Director Westlund) talked about the Spring Community Input Survey results, which can be found on our website, and how the responses helped guide our library board and design committee in working with the architect on the schematic design. Tom Westlund, of Westlund Consultancy, then went over the schematic design of the new library expansion building.

Flexible Facilities Grant

We have just received word that we DID get awarded the full amount of the Flexible Facilities Grant that we requested. That is very exciting news! We will have more information to give on this as we move forward with our project.

Digital Connectivity Grant

Mark Abeles-Allison recently gave Bayfield County libraries notice that the digital connectivity grant that was sought after has been approved. They anticipate a late 2024 commencement with a full time 'digital navigator' in Bayfield County and device lending libraries for 24 months. There will be more information on this as we get closer to the commencement date.

Book House Moving

As I type this, I just received word that the Book House will be moving Thursday, October 10th and Friday, October 11th. I have posted this information on our Facebook page, on our website and sent out the information in an email.

Staff Changes

We sadly bid a fond farewell to our volunteer janitor, Mark Wehrheim. He and his wife have decided to move out of the area. We wish them both well on their journey and in their next chapter in their lives. We thank Mark for his service to the Forest Lodge Library. Many comment on how wonderfully clean our library is and Mark has done an amazing job with his duties! He will be certainly missed!

To fill the role as janitor at the library, we did decide to hire a part time janitor. Ben Westlund has taken the position as janitor and started early October. We welcome Ben to the position. His past experience is working at Lakewoods as a golf ranger – cleaning golf carts and doing maintenance of the golf course, as well as working at the marina – cleaning the dock and boats and helping, as needed, with patrons in the boat house.

Website Updates

I am continuing to make necessary changes and updates to our Forest Lodge Library website. Currently, all of our library policies are now online. I am also working on getting other important documents and information online as well, as time allows. I have also been trying to be sure to update the library expansion information as needed, to keep everyone up to speed. Please be sure to check us out at:

www.forestlodgelibrary.org

October Library Events

Tuesday, Oct. 8th: Get A Clue Book Club – 5pm at the library

Wednesday, Oct. 9th: Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 5pm at the library

Sunday, Oct. 13th: Dungeons & Dragons – 4pm-7pm at Cable Community Center

Monday, Oct. 14th-Saturday, Oct. 19th – Wisconsin Science Festival Week – stop by for a Make-and-Take Science Bag from the library and check out some science books!

Saturday, Oct. 19th – Cemeteriums – 2pm at the library – pre-registration IS required

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd – Book Witches – 6pm at the Namakagon Town Hall – pre-registration IS required

Thursday, Oct. 31st – Candy Stop for trick or treating!