

Forest Lodge Library – Report to Towns of Cable and Namakagon

Northern Waters Library Services Updates:

- 1) A new NWLS director has been hired! We welcome Katherine Echler! Katherine comes to us with 10 years of library management experience and most recently as the director of the McMillian Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids. Her experience includes effectively advocating for libraries, skillfully communicating with local and state leaders, and improving policy/procedures for organizations she serves.
- 2) Northern Waters Library Service team and directors have made the decision to discontinue the online service of offering the New York Times and New York Times Cooking. In reviewing the number of patrons that utilize this service and with seeing the need to allocate funds in other areas, such as Libby/Overdrive, which offers streaming/online e-books and audiobooks, was necessary. I will be taking this feature off of the Forest Lodge Library website sometime in January. Patrons are still able to access NY Times and NY Times Cooking, as long as it is up on the website.

New Face at the Forest Lodge Library

We welcome Ron Skoglund as a temporary library aide substitute at the Forest Lodge Library. Ron works out of the area from April until October, but has previous experience working at the Drummond Public Library. He will be helping us out and working the circulation desk on occasion, and filling in where needed.

Library Expansion Plans and Progress

Our architect is working on what is needed for state approval at this time with our expansion plans. Melissa Rabska, Carl Lippert and Mary Jean Fenske are working with the Town of Cable to be sure that all things are squared away in making sure things are going smoothly in meeting the requirements of the Flexible Facilities Grant. The Forest Lodge Library Board is seeking assistance from a financial management firm to help assist in funding for the library expansion project.

The Forest Lodge Library Board is in the process of drafting a letter of a vision statement to the Cable Natural History Museum, which was requested at the last meeting with the Cable Natural History Museum. After the letter is completed and approved, it will be sent on to the museum and another meeting date will be set to continue discussion regarding future usage of the log cabin building.

Library Programs:

Earlier this month we had **‘Paws & Claus: Holiday Tales with Tails’** with local author (and one of our library aides) Mark Parman. It was well attended and patrons enjoyed hearing his stories and had great questions and conversations.

Coffee & Craft Time: 9AM – 10AM at the library – every other Tuesday each month. December dates: December 3rd & 17th – bring a craft to work on or use craft materials at the library, come sit by the fire, have some coffee, tea or hot coco and get creative!

Get a Clue Book club – Tuesday, Dec. 10th at the library

Book: Daughters of the Lake Author: Wendy Webb

Cookbook Club – Monday, Dec. 16th at the Cable Community Center

Theme: Cookie Exchange! Cookbook: 100 Cookies! Author: Sarah Kieffer

January's book: The Winter Table . Meeting date in January is: Monday, January 20th at 5pm at the Cable Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted by Director Amanda Westlund