

Forest Lodge Library – Town Report for Cable and Namakagon - December 2025

New Library Building Update...

The Interior Design Committee made recommendations for color choices for carpet and paint. The FLL board was happy with most choices but wanted more options for some. The Interior Design Committee met with our representative, Jennifer, again and will present these new choices at the December FLL board meeting.

Insulation and electrical work went in during November. The New Building Walk Through held on Tuesday, November 18th went well. We had over 70 people attend during both the 2 pm and 6 pm sessions. Many commented on their appreciation of being able to take a peek at the inside of the building and how it is coming along. Many also had good questions to ask about the project and how things are proceeding, and about choices that have been made.

November Patron Visits: 506

Director Professional Development progress:

I just recently completed my third course with UW Madison – Advanced Library Administration. I will receive my letter of completion within a week or two. The cost of this course was covered by a scholarship that I obtained through WI DPI (one time only scholarship).

I will have one more course to complete to be able to receive my Professional Library Licensure through the WI Department of Public Instruction – Public and Community Library Services.

Currently, I am licensed as a temporary licensure status. The WI DPI allows librarians to obtain a temporary license for four years in order to complete the four courses required. Once completed, I will obtain my Grade II library license. Due to the size of our community, only a Grade III is required, but due to my already holding a bachelor's degree, after completing the four courses, I will automatically qualify for Grade II.

I will be taking the fourth course in fall 2026, when it is offered. As I was hired in January 2024 and thus began my courses, I will be completing these four courses in half the required time (two years). With the building project going on, I felt it necessary to get these courses completed as soon as I could, as long as I felt I was able to dedicate the necessary focus and time to them, which I have.

FLL Brd Mtg for November: Wednesday, December 10th at 5pm

KFE Brd Mtg for November: Wednesday, December 17th at 5 pm

December Library Programs...

Digital Navigator- Tech Support: Wednesdays, December 3rd & 17th - 10 AM to 3 PM at the library.

- Support and assistance with devices from our digital navigator Eric Faber
- laptops and I-pads available for checkout.
 - Eric is able to check these out for you when he is at the library;

- Director Westlund is also able to check these out for you as well.
- These can be used by anyone – you do not need to have a library card.

Get A Clue Mystery Book club – December 9th at 5 PM at the library

Book discussion: Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six by Lisa Unger

This is an open book club. Books are available for checkout at the library. Refreshments and light snacks will be available; you are welcome to bring your own as well.

Makerspace and Mocktails – December 4th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the library

Craft: Book Fold Paper Ornaments

Mocktail: White Christmas Punch (pineapple juice, white cranberry juice, coconut milk)

Cost is free; no pre-registration required – all materials provided.

A great way to get ready for Christmas in Cable happening later that weekend!

Cookbook Club – Christmas Cookie Exchange – December 18th at 6 PM at the Cable Community Center

Cookbook: A Baker's Field Guide to Christmas Cookies (or use your own recipe, if you'd like)

Participants will need to bring 6 dozen of the same kind of cookie. We will 'exchange' our cookies with each other so that we will all get a variety box of the cookies brought to take home. Light refreshments will be served. Sign up with Director Westlund.

Jolabokaflod Activity and Stories with Santa – Saturday, December 20th at the library

• 2 to 4 PM - Jolabokaflod Activity

- Jolabokaflod is an Icelandic tradition of gifting books to family and friends the night of Dec. 24th.
- The library will have a wide variety of books to choose from ranging from children, young adults, and adult titles. Gift wrap, tape, and ribbon will be provided as well. Refreshments will be served. No cost, but donations are appreciated!

• 4 PM - Stories with Santa

- Join us by the log cabin fireplace as we remember Mary Griggs' love of the holiday season and sharing it with children! Stories will be read by Santa; stockings will be given (while supplies last), and hot cocoa and cookies will be provided!

Silent Book Club – December 23rd at 5 PM

Join us for 15-20 minutes of conversation, then spend the rest of the time sitting quietly – the fireplace will be on, sipping tea, cocoa, coffee, or whatever you prefer to bring of your own and read a book of your choice.

No registration is necessary. No cost.

Respectfully submitted by Director Amanda Westlund December 1, 2025