

Forest Lodge Library – Town Report for Cable and Namakagon - January 2026

New Library Building Update...

At the December Library Board meeting, the board voted and approved color choices for paint and carpet. They also approved moving forward with the furniture phase with our interior design firm, as long as doing so will still stay within the set budget. The interior design committee is working with the FEH Design to be sure that this need can be met and will discuss it further with the library board at the January library board meeting.

The library board also discussed the transitional time of moving from the log cabin into the new library building, and the possibility of needing to be closed for a period of time when this happens. They also discussed possible moving needs and volunteer support, and internet needs at this time. Tony Kriskovich, NorthernWaters IT Director, has been communicated with regarding the board's discussion and approval of the possible opening time between mid to late June to late September. Tony has also communicated with our LEAN WI partners to ensure that fiber will be put down and available, with the understanding that this type of work will not be able to be completed in the winter, when the ground is frozen.

Currently, the last exterior window has been placed in, as well as the east and north doors. Inside the building, painting has been happening.

2026 Library Board Officer Positions:

At the December library board meeting, the board voted and approved the following positions:

President: JoAnn Schultz (will fill this position until her term ends in June 2026)

Vice President: Julia Campbell (will fill this position until June 2026)

Secretary: Janet Zeigler

December Patron Visits: 523

FLL Brd Mtg for January: Wednesday, January 14th at 5pm

KFE Brd Mtg for January: Wednesday, January 28th at 5 pm

Hearing Loop is fixed!

Many thanks to Supervisor Dave Popelka as he took the current desktop hearing loop system that had been installed at the library circulation desk some time ago and was in need of repair and did the necessary maintenance!

It has been reinstalled and from what we can tell, it functions as it should be.

January Library Programs...

Digital Navigator- Tech Support: Wednesdays, January 14th & 28th - 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.

Historic Fiction Book club – January 8th at 4 PM at the UCC library space

Book discussion: Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

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.

Silent Book Club – January 22nd at 5 PM at the library

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 January 2, 2026