



Library Board November 2024 Meeting

November 13, 5:30 pm
Community Meeting Room

Call to order: SAA, MA, CC, JC, MJ, SJ, MR

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes October 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Renovation Update/Progress Report
5. New Business
 - a. Library Board opening
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

Director's Report

Renovation Update

We are currently working on details for the 3rd floor. The digital lab, kitchen and flex space, doors for the large meeting room and all the data-wiring plans. Lots of moving parts, but the timeline of bids out at the end of Nov, returned early Jan and construction start in Feb seems to be holding. We may have a virtual meeting with Alex to review final documents before going out to bid. I will keep you posted. The FFP grant will be managed by MSA, paid from our 214 account. I have met with Brant (city admin) and Julie (finance) to firm up where funding is coming from and who will be doing what regarding adhering to grant administration requirements. I will share updated budgets with you.

Moving Plans

The librarians toured the temporary space and have some plans/ideas for where everything will go. There will be two rooms, relatively small, for public meetings. I am putting together an information sheet for our regular meeting room users, so they understand the options. Also, I am working on a moving schedule, task lists for volunteers. Working with our facilities foreman, we are organizing what can be removed and used elsewhere. Plants...Anyone want to adopt a plant?

Personnel

Axel Peterman is moving to Chicago at the end of the month. Oleana is dedicating her full attention to sports and possibly studying abroad, so she will be ending her career as a page. As always, when there are personnel openings, it is a good time to evaluate the needs, budget and sustainability of our staff. I have some changes I would like to make and will discuss with you at the meeting.

On the Horizon

Preparing for the move and ensuring we have our design & systems where we want them before going out to bid, also focusing on following all the FFP grant rules is what is keeping me busy as the year closes.

Book Recommendation

Did you read *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*? In 2008, author David Wroblewski published his first novel about Gar Sawtelle, a northern Wisconsin (Mellen area) man who raises extraordinary dogs, his murder and his son's effort to prove his uncle's responsibility for his dad's death. *Familiaris* is Wroblewski's prequel to Edward's story, beginning in central Wisconsin in 1919 and following John Sawtelle and his family to the Chequamegon Forest as they build a life on an old farm dubbed "Relaxalot". Especially if you have an affinity for canines, this novel will fill you up and make you think about what is possible if you only take a risk.

Sarah Adams, Director