



Library Board December 10 2025 Meeting

Literacy Room 618 Beaser Ave

Call to order: SAA, MA, CC, JC, LG, MJ, PL, MR

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes November 2025
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
  - a. Renovation Update/Progress Report
  - b. Meeting Rooms
  - c. Art
5. New Business
  - a. Northland College Outdoor Ed equipment
6. Director's Report
  - a. Statistical Report
  - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn

## Director's Report

### Renovation Update

Things are wrapping up. Looking at the work schedule, the third and second floors will be complete by December 12. Work on the first continues into the week of December 15 with the north wall commercial window work beginning Dec 3 - 12. There will be a walk through with the contractor & architects (Punch List) on Monday Dec 22 10 am - 12 pm. As far as I know, we are on schedule.

### Library News

Nationally, the Institute for Museums and Libraries has reinstated federal grant funding after a favorable court ruling. This does not directly affect the VPL but does provide some hope for the return of level headedness and rule of law. After our bug scare, the library has been very quiet. It is kind of morale crushing, but we are resilient librarians and keep reminding each other that soon, soon we'll be too busy to think straight!

### Programming

All are working on programs to come in the new space. A few to look forward to ; April 9 Ashland area poetry read ; April 13 author Mary Annett Pember who wrote *Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools* will speak and booksign– brought to us by the League of Women Voters ; June 19 author Leif Enger who wrote *I Cheerfully Refuse* will present as part of our culminating Chequamegon Reads program. We are putting out feelers for folks who could do classes using the demo kitchen. I have not heard back from elected officials about the March 6 date for our dedication, so I'll follow up with that.

### On the Horizon

Moving! Jan 5 - 9 – Yerges Moving will be working with the librarians to get the collection moved over. Sadly, new shelving will not be ready but we'll make it work. Jan 12 - 16 Staff & volunteers setting up, getting remaining stuff over. Jan 20 OPEN! The following week, we might consider having a "remainder" sale of furniture and miscellaneous items we are not moving back. We'll be paying rent here through the month, so we might as well take advantage of it. New furniture/shelving – I don't have a specific ETA but it will be probably in Feb / Mar.

### Book Recommendation

This month we are featuring Good Vibes & Guilty Pleasures on the website & displayed in the library. [Check it out!](#)

*Sarah Adams, Director*