

Director's Report for November 21, 2024

- We noticed some bubbles in the paint in the rotunda so we will be taking advantage of our warranty on the construction. Ryan and his painter came on Thursday, Nov. 14th to check it out. The painters came on Friday morning and touched up the paint. Everything looks good now!
- I am still waiting to hear from the plumbers about a proposal to have the p-traps replaced in the patron bathrooms. I will continue to try and contact them to get answers.
- The MOU for Litchville-Marion Public School was signed and delivered by the principal. He came to visit the library and asked questions about arranging their library. Melissa and Sara gave him some good advice. Melissa and Sara went to the Litchville-Marion School on Nov. 1 to get students signed up for library cards. It went very well, and the students are happy to have access to digital materials in this way.
- We decided to add two more patron computers as there are sometimes when we have children on the computers upstairs and then have had to ask them to get off so adults could get on. It will add \$478 to our Useful Zero Client yearly bill, yet it will be worth it to make sure all have access to services. We had a couple of issues getting them up and running but they are working fine now.
- BEK informed us that we needed to have our router replaced as it was at the end of its life.
- Our craft event for Save a Buck Spend Some Doe was a success. 27 people came and enjoyed creating a Christmas craft on Saturday, November 9th. The new Nature Explorers Club geared towards preschool age children was also well attended at its debut event last Thursday. Our other programs continue to be well attended so that means we are reaching our community and providing programs that they want and enjoy.
- We are completely moved back into the library now! We are still doing some organizing and shifting yet if you take time to look around, you will see that everything looks like it is where it belongs, and the library feels open and welcoming due to the new bookcases creating more space for shelving while taking up less floor space. We have received a lot of great comments about the restoration and the new arrangement.
- We are getting ready for our "Libraries are Sweet and Books are My Jam" Market Day event, which is taking place on Saturday, December 7th from 11 am to 4:30 pm. We have sign-up sheets out for donations of baked goods, sweet treats, jams & jellies, and other items that we will have for sale at the market. Sara has a great craft planned for kids, and in the afternoon, we have 4 mini concerts scheduled for people to come and enjoy. I think it is going to be a great day of fun and a great fundraiser as well. All proceeds will help close the gap needed for the roof and restoration project. We need volunteers so please let me know if you might have a few hours to spare on that day to help out.
- A date for the radiothon has been set as well. It will take place on Tuesday, December 10th from 2-4 pm. Cindy Ross has been organizing it and we have Hilde and Ryan Goodman lined up to talk about the library and the roof and restoration project.
- The Daffodil project was completed. Wes Anderson and other volunteers planted the bulbs a couple of weeks ago. They should put on a nice show in spring. I believe the plaque will be installed at a later date once it arrives.
- As of October 31st, the library saved our community \$457,435 in physical checkouts. As of that same date, a total of 26,016 physical and 14,603 digital checkouts took place. Approximate savings to our patrons for both physical and digital media equal \$714,197.