

Director's Report for January 11, 2024

- Christmas came and went very fast this year. The ice storm that started on Christmas Day caused us to close the library for both Tuesday and Wednesday. We also had to close early on Thursday due to the power outage in town. My West Virginia kids were home for Christmas and ended up bringing COVID with them. I tested positive on Christmas Day so was out for the week. I am very grateful to Sara for going above and beyond to check on the library, make the announcements, check the book drop, and to even come up to the library at 3:30 am when the fire alarm went off.
- I was disappointed to hear that we did not receive a grant from the ND Historical Society to help with our roof project. The letter I received said they only had \$150,000 to allocate and had received several outstanding applications and they could not fund them all. We were not chosen.
- We were fully staffed for just a short time! Kat Stephens is experiencing some health issues that will take time to resolve so felt was in our best interest to resign from her position. We are opening the application process again and hope to find a replacement soon.
- 2 of the 3 computers given by Melissa Lloyd's husband's company have been installed. The 3rd one needs to have the USB ports fixed. They will be assessing it to see if they can be fixed and if it would be cost effective to do so.
- Melissa and I are working on the Public Spaces grant from the State Library and hope to have that application completed by the end of the month.
- The broken door handles were replaced this week, and the building locks were rekeyed. It is nice to have the door handles fixed!
- Plans for the Summer Reading Program continue to be made. Supplies will be ordered soon.
- We are busy doing some reorganization and updating. We are also making sure we have all current policy information available to staff and patrons both physically and digitally on our website.
- For the year of 2023, our library has saved our patrons \$477,785 and there were 26,503 checkouts. We are serving our community well and saving our patrons lots of money by providing them with the information, entertainment, and educational needs they desire.
- From mid-December until today (Jan. 9), we have had 3 requests for mobile/wireless printing.