Director's Report for November 11.19.2026

- We are really enjoying the nice weather we have so far in November. This is the latest we have kept the front doors open since I started here. Hopefully, we can hold out for a little longer before the snow and ice force us to close it.
- Melissa is busy setting up the rest of the patron computers. There are a few things we need to figure out yet everything seems to be working well with Cybrarian.
- I signed the contract with BEK for the new security cameras. They will begin the installation process in December as we requested, and the billing will start in January of 2027.
- Preparations for the *Libraries are Sweet and Books are My Jam* Market Day fundraiser are coming together. The foundation is providing $500 to assist with items we purchase and any other expenses for the event. We are also looking for donations of jams, jellies, baked goods and even crafts to sell at this event. We have promoted this through the Chamber Eblast, Voice of the Valley, and on social media. We have sign-up sheets at the library for those donations. Please consider donating something for this event. The tickets for the Foundation's quilt raffle have been selling yet we still have more to sell. If you want to take more to sell, please let me know and thank you to those that have donated their time to sell tickets.
- We started our two free months with WhoFi. So far, it looks like it will be a good fit for what we need for our calendar of events and scheduling. Please take some time and check it out on our website. You will find it under the calendar tab.
- I have received only two applications for the Assistant Director position. I will hopefully find one of these candidates to be a good fit.
- I have been working on the budget and believe it is looking good for next year. Please take your time when reviewing it and ask questions if you have them.
- We recently found out that our credit card service provider is experiencing some issues, and we were told we might not have service. We do not process a lot of credit cards, yet it is a service that is convenient for patrons. We are not taking credit cards for now and hope that we will be able to either get a new provider or they will come up with a solution. We have very low volume and have already been told by Dacotah Bank that the service charges would be quite high for us because of that. I am looking into other options and staying in contact with our current provider.
- As of October 31st, the library saved our community $452,577 for physical checkouts. As of that same date, a total of 24,191 physical and 18,597 digital checkouts took place. Approximate savings to our patrons for both physical and digital media for the year 2026 equals $800,527. We have gained 243 new patrons for a total of 3,077 active accounts so far this year!