

Director's Report for July 07.17.2025

- Our Summer Learning Program is well attended this year. We now have a total of 281 participants signed up for the program! That is 41 more participants than last year! Almost every program scheduled has been well attended!
- We had a big storm on June 20th but didn't sustain very much damage. I had Preston Jensen go over the top of the library with his drone to take pictures of the roof. I did not see any damage. We did see some damage to one of the downspouts though so have contacted All Star about that. We also had a few branches come down yet didn't lose any trees. The branches hanging down will be taken care of by the volunteers working through the school.
- We have 4 staff members registered for the NDLA Conference in Grand Forks. All are looking forward to this great learning and sharing of ideas opportunity.
- Both the city and the county approved the applications for the Library Board so we will have two new members on the Board. Welcome Phil Mueller (city) and Megan Bergman (county)! We are excited to have new voices on the board. We will definitely miss the dedication and support of Annie Beauchman and Hidle van Gijssel!
- The summer months seem to be a great time to evaluate different aspects of keeping our library up and running. I had a visit with Brenda Howard from Corporate Technologies about the technology we have now and our needs for the future. She said the Cyber Insurance rates have gone down, yet they would still cost us about \$225 a month (\$45 per computer) for coverage of any type of cyber attack. I checked with our insurance company, and it looks like we have some coverage through our liability policy that is connected to the city, yet it only covers a data breach, or loss of access to data through theft or other. It doesn't cover any type of malicious cyber-attack. There might be a possibility to add insurance for a cyber event, but I would have to check into that further. Since we are linked with the city for liability, I'm not sure how that might work. Brenda, Melissa, and I went through all of our current tech equipment that is serviced by them. Our office laptops were purchased 4.5 years ago, and they recommend updating every three to five years. So, ours are nearing the end of their life span. We do need to update them to Windows 11 by Oct. So we will be putting that process on a schedule. Our circulation computers are between 6 and 8 years old so it is questionable as to their ability to be upgraded to Windows 11. She will check on that for us. She talked about a few different options for upgrading our tech equipment and I hope to have more info on that before the meeting.
- I also met with Sue about the physical insurance on the library and we went through the policy to make sure everything was correct. We increased the insurance on the building last year and added insurance for our off-site property (book drop), so I believe we have everything covered as far as that goes. I signed the review and am providing a copy of that in the packet.
- I visited with Terry about fixing the patron bathrooms. He is confident it will only take a day or two and that the floors will be ready for new flooring when he is done. We do not have to shut off the water, and they should be able to do the repairs in the first week of August.
- I received two quotes from Tracy at Valley Flooring. One for vinyl plank flooring in the bathrooms and one for gluing the loose tiles upstairs. They are attached. She said they should be able to do the flooring in the bathrooms shortly after they are ready.
- It was a cool day for the Community Days parade, yet we participated in style to promote our Summer Learning Theme of "Color our World." The Pie Social sponsored by the VCBC Library Foundation went well too. There were 35 pies donated, and the proceeds came to \$1,198.00.
- Madeline Luke has been wanting to bring some seeds to the library for people to pick up so, she was in yesterday and brought in some information and lots of different seed packets. So, we now

have a seed library in our library! I am excited about this and am looking forward to expanding it next year before seeding and gardening season begins.

- We are still very busy with Summer Learning in progress. It is great to see so many people supporting our library and being supported by our library!
- As of June 30th, the library saved our community \$285,983 for physical checkouts. As of that same date, a total of 15,684 physical and 9,161 digital checkouts took place. Approximate savings to our patrons for both physical and digital media equals \$453,080.