

Director's Report for January 19, 2023

- A threatening message was left on the library phone before library hours. BEK was contacted and the number we were given for that call was turned over to the police. We have not heard anything else regarding to this call. It is still saved in our phone messages so can be heard upon request.
- EAPC came on Wednesday, Jan. 11 to look at the roof/leak issues. They explored the dome area, took pictures and opened up a portion of the ceiling in the multipurpose room in efforts to find areas of concern. We should be hearing from them with their recommendations.
- Requests for bids on a new copier/printer lease have been submitted and should have them soon.
- The new book browser has shipped so we will be looking for volunteers to help bring it into the building when it arrives. *Update: The book browser arrived on Jan. 17 and we are thankful to the VCSU football players that came and brought it into our space.
- We are currently out of bags, beanies, pens that we have used as giveaways with our new logo on them. There have been several requests for beanies. We still have some post-it notes and bookmarks.
- We have become aware of two bills presented to the legislature that promote censorship and would greatly affect our library as the language used specifically promotes changing of the ND Century Code "relating to prohibiting public libraries from maintaining sexually explicit books" These bills also intend to make it a class B misdemeanor for anyone that "willfully displays" such material in a place where minors may be a part of the general public.
- A plan is being developed to create separate office spaces for Anita and Melissa. Although we do not mind sharing office space, it has quickly become evident that there may be times when we are both on the phone or need to use the library's phone, or even need to have space for private conversations with patrons or concerned citizens. Our first objective is to clear out the small office space next to the director's office. You will find a proposal for a storage cabinet in this packet. A complete proposal for this project will be presented at the February board meeting.
- The hole in the ceiling in the multipurpose room has been temporarily patched and the board for the network rack has been installed so we can contact Corporate Technologies for installation of the new rack.