

Director's Report for May 18, 2023

- I haven't heard anything from City County Health yet about possibly moving the book drop box.
- I finally reached the City Building Inspector, applied for a building permit for the remodel and received it before the demo began. The middle room remodel is currently in progress!
- The library staff appreciated hearing support from the board which was published in the newspaper.
- I have continued to contact contractors about the roof and have finally gotten a couple of responses. Craig from Right-Eye Construction came to visit with me and said he would come back with a couple of other guys to take a closer look; however, after looking at the pictures of the roof and reviewing the report from EAPC, he changed his mind and sent me an email (below) declining to do any repairs on the roof. Nathan from Fargo Roofing and Siding, LLC also got back to me. They are the company that Steve got a quote from for total replacement of the roof. He said he would not be interested in doing just repairs. He said, "At this point it is either fix the roof. Or discard the building." (e-mail below) I have included a more detailed report in the packet.
- On that note—when Danico was taking out the cupboards in the middle room, he discovered asbestos in the walls which shows that the wall had been deteriorating from moisture issues. He called the building inspector Lance Coit and they both agreed to a plan that works. It will cost us more money. The project is moving forward.
- Kelly from Kohn Electric came and looked at the electrical work that needs to be done in the middle room and Harry Potter Reading Nook. He sent a proposal for the board to review.
- National Library week took place April 23-29 and went very well. The videos of staff and social media posts that Spencer did were well received. I also heard good comments about the article in the newspaper. We had quite a few people enjoy taking the trivia quiz and several commented that they enjoyed learning more about the library. They all earned some great library swag!
- We have been in contact with Connect Interiors about the revisions to the quote they gave us yet have not received the update yet.
- The promotional video for Summer Learning has been recorded and is posted on our website. We are very happy with the work and marketing that Spencer Dobson did for us for National Library Week and the Summer Learning Program.
- Sara is back at work, and we have all had a chance to meet and snuggle baby Kyson.
- We were all relieved when Governor Burgum's veto of SB 2360 was sustained! We will need to look at HB 1205 more closely to determine our next steps in order to be compliant with it.
- The toilet in the Men's bathroom is finally fixed!
- Melissa and I did a presentation on censorship and our book challenge experience for the Eastern Library Media Association Workshop on Wednesday, April 26th at the HAC. It was great to connect with so many librarians from the area.
- Melissa and I put together a fiscal report concerning the cost of bills SB 2360 and HB 1205 as requested by State Librarian Mary Soucie.
- I took a trip to Fargo to attend a large liquidation sale in hopes of getting some good deals on gently used furniture for the library. It was an interesting adventure, and I came home with some good deals on items that fit well in the library. Thanks to my husband for driving and providing the muscle and to Wesley Acres Camp for the loan of an enclosed trailer.

- I heard comments from patrons wishing our staff would have nametags, so I ordered a magnetic nametag for each staff member. They have our logo on them, look awesome and professional.
- I have noticed and have had patrons comment on the awful acoustics in the multipurpose room. I have ordered and received some acoustic panels to put up on the walls to hopefully help take care of some of the echoing and create better sound quality for meetings, programing, and future recorded videos.
- Madeline Luke confirmed that she will organize the pie & ice cream social fundraiser during Rally in the Valley on Saturday, June 17th.
- Plans for Summer Learning are progressing well! The Library Store is ready, and we are looking forward to a fun kickoff event on May 30th.