

## Director's Report for October 19, 2023

- We do not know when we can reinstall our Library Drop Box back in the City County Health parking lot.
- The Memory Kits purchased through the grant that Melissa applied for and received are already being well used.
- We continue to use our spare time to clean and do inventory.
- We spent a whirlwind week cleaning and organizing to ensure the library was ready for our 120<sup>th</sup> Celebration and the dedication of Di's Den on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. We had at least 75 people in attendance, and all had a wonderful time. We received many great comments about what is happening in our library. The event went well, and I thank all who had a part in organizing it and those that attended.
- I received the estimates of cost for the roof and the restoration of the dome. I also had a conversation with Kerry yet I believe it would be better for the board to hear from him in person so I have invited him to the board meeting in hopes that he can attend. I am looking into funding options and we have invited Cindy Ross to attend as a representative of the Foundation at our board meeting as well.
- For the month of October, Melissa and Spencer put together a series of cooking videos that were shared through our Facebook page. Melissa is teaching how to make knephla, knephla soup, and knephla and sauerkraut. We also welcomed North Dakota author Joelle Bearstail to the library for an author's visit where she read her book and answered questions.
- Dan Stephan, representing the family of L.A.W. Stephan, came to see the memorial plaque that was given in memory of his father and to discuss plans to have it raised and create a patio area on the north side of the library. He is interested in a cement patio with the memorial plaque incorporated into it and a bench. I informed him that this project would most likely not take place until after our roof project was completed to ensure we wouldn't put it in danger of being destroyed by heavy equipment.
- The NDLA Conference was very informative, and I believe we all took away a lot of good information that fit with what we do here at the library. The preconference was very helpful in the aspect of having clarification as to what is required to be compliant with the new law that was passed last spring.
- During the banquet at NDLA, Hilde was honored as a Library Champion. She was in great company with Representative Eric Murphy, Representative Shannon Roers Jones, Senator Ryan Braunberger, and Senator Sean Cleary also receiving this award. Hilde gave a wonderful speech that was appreciated by all in attendance.
- We continue working with Streamline to get our new website created and designed the way we want it. We are making sure we can continue with our current credit card and online donation provider.
- We are currently gearing up for ladies' day during the "Save a Buck, Spend Some Dough" community wide event. We have planned a craft and will be welcoming people to take part in that on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> since we will be closed on Saturday for Veteran's Day.
- We are looking for applications again for one or two library assistants since both Hunter and Beth have resigned.