

February 12, 2024

Trustees present – - Kate Cell, Brad Foster, Elizabeth Murphy, Michele Regan-Ladd

Mary Anne Antonellis, Library Director

Absent – Melanie DeSilva & Tim Logan

No minutes to review tonight – will review January minutes next month

1, Directors Report

CWMARS is adding a Discovery layer – called Aspen Discovery

For patrons, it will be a better search function.

It will have spelling suggestions.

It will integrate the digital library with the hard books.

It will have more pictures.

There will be a link to lists and you can sort through lists for suggestions on topics.

Staff has to learn how to use it this week and it will go live in early March.

It's designed to be a better search engine.

There will be help videos for patrons to learn how to use it.

Programs – they had a Valentine making program. 11 people participated..

A family game night will be happening on a Friday night during April school vacation.

Cultural Council Grants – received them all. – three children's arts programs will be held, a silk making workshop, more fiber arts workshops, and another art program.

Friends of Library – They will be holding a Super Tuesday Election Day bake sale and Shutesbury paraphernalia,

Giving Day is April 10.

Friends have raised \$520,000 towards the new library.

Order of Conditions will be written at the next Conservation Commission meeting regarding the Library Building Committee Letter of Intent. Meeting this Thursday at 7p.m.

Budget for the total cost, at this point is - \$8.8 million

A lot of value engineering was done to try to reduce costs. Mary Anne gave some examples of the choices made by the Building Committee.

Cost Estimate – Another will be done when construction documents are 75% completed. They are at about 50% completed at this time.

We are still waiting to hear back from the Attorney General's office about our petition to use the principal of MN Spear Trust towards the new library.

Construction is on target to start at June 2024

DEP will approve the well, the well will go out to bid and then will be drilled within the month.

Construction documents will be completed by the end of April, then we go out to bid and then construction starts.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Regan-Ladd, Co-chair of Trustees

Next meeting – Monday, March 19 at 7:30