

Director's Report 02/2025

Trainings

- **All-Staff Meeting** held 2/11/25 - 15 of our 17 staff members were able to attend - many meeting each other for the first time! We reviewed customer service expectations and did a walkthrough of the expansion project & goals.
- **Staff attended trainings** on managing Book Challenges, Excel, Nonprofit Fundraising Essentials, and Using Social Media in Business

Visibility

- **Community Conversation** about the Library Building Project was held 1/22/25 at the High School Auditorium - 50 attended in spite of poor weather conditions. The event was recorded and will be shared soon. Kenyon Bennett of the Dodgeville Chronicle wrote a cover story about the project and event.
- **Chamber of Commerce Dinner** Carol Murphy and I are attending on 2/19.
- **SAVE THE DATE - 3/12/25 - "Commerce After 5"** the library will host a Chamber of Commerce networking event held monthly. We plan to highlight the library expansion plans at the event. Library Board members will also be in attendance.

Collaborations

- Carol Gleichauf is working with Dan Brandt, the 4-H Positive Youth Development Educator with UW - Extension on 3 **afterschool programs** in the next month
- Collaborating on a **community read and conversation** on the book "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt. Conversation will be April 3rd at the Dodgeville High School, details forthcoming. Working with the School District; Iowa County Health Department; Dan Brandt, the 4-H Positive

Youth Development Educator with UW – Extension; and Mark Williamson, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church.

Flexible Facilities Program Update

- Our amended budget was approved
- Still waiting for a grant contract!
- Freeze on Federal grants does **not** apply to FFP!

Building Committee Update

- Floor Plan locked
- exterior finishes selected
- Some interior finishes selected
- Many conversations about Audio Visual equipment, security systems, door lock systems, etc.
- Will be able to reuse most of the existing furnishings
- Still on schedule to go out for bid 03/27/25
- I've been working with Greg Lee and ADCI (architects for new City Hall project) on layout for temporary library

Fundraising Committee Update

- Preparing fundraising materials – letter, pledge card, brochure
- Promoting Community Conversation video & photos
- Updating library's website
- Developing list of potential donors to approach