

Director's Report 04/2025

Visibility

- **“Commerce After 5”** the library hosted the Chamber of Commerce networking event on March 12. We highlighted the library expansion plans and had great snacks! Sixty people attended, including the library board, members of the Historic Preservation Commission, and School District leaders.
- **National Library Week** first week of April – Mayor Hottmann issued a proclamation. We held an open house April 12 to celebrate – 84 people attended. Iowa County Library Committee provided cake!
- **Community Conversation** on April 3rd around the book “The Anxious Generation” by Jonathan Haidt. This is a collaboration with Dodgeville School District, 4-H, Iowa County Health Dept., Mark Williamson, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church

Building Project Updates

- Library Renovation and Expansion Project went out for bid 03/25, closes on 05/05, and Council review on 05/06
- Received quotes from 4 moving companies ranging from \$25,000 – \$75,000
 - Currently plan to close for moving from June 9 – 20, using Yerges Moving Storage, staff, and volunteers
- Children’s Summer Programs will be held at Grace Lutheran Church and Ley Pavilion during June and July
- Submitted first payment (reimbursement) request for ~\$600,000 for the Flexible Facilities Grant from the State.

Fundraising Committee Update

- Community Conversation full-length video on new Dodgeville Public Library YouTube channel
- Community Conversation photos shared on Facebook
- TikTok trailer video on Facebook, Instagram

- Preparing fundraising materials - letter, pledge card, brochure
- Developing list of potential donors to approach