

Director's Report

Sept. 21, 2023

Library Vision

To be an essential component, providing relevant services and engaging people community-wide.

Board Training

There are a series of three webinars from the State Library that look very good. They are about cities and libraries working together. The first one is about facilities and is Thursday, the night of our board meeting. It begins at 6, so we are meeting at 6 for the training prior to the meeting.

Metal Roof Repair

We have some stains on our ceiling tile in the modern link (north section with books for adults, DVDs, etc). I contacted four roofing companies about it and two came to take a look. The metal roof is letting some water in where there are seams or punctures, indicating that the adhesive isn't good anymore. It is a labor-intensive repair job. We've checked into insurance, which is a no, and I'm working on checking warranties, but that doesn't look too promising. I have a bid for the repair.

IPL Strategic Plan Update

The staff has been working on updating our strategic plan. I will have that for you to go over on Thursday.

150th Anniversary

We are doing a lot of planning for the library's sesquicentennial. I'll tell you about the plans, volunteer opportunities, and the t-shirt order.

Staff Training

Just a reminder that we will be closed on Sept. 28 for a staff training in Cedar Falls about productive partnerships within our communities. It is offered by the State Library of Iowa and involves thinking about our communities' unique strengths with Community Asset Mapping and how-tos for networking.

Artwork Donation

I've taken the art piece of the Mill to Elm Tree to see about getting it matted. We plan to use the same frame.

Municode Agenda Management

The City is going away from BoardDocs for their agenda/meeting management software and will be using Municode instead. Currently the new agendas are on Municode and the historical agendas and minutes are on BoardDocs, but everything will soon be transitioned to Municode. You can get all the links here: <https://www.independenceia.org/240/Library-Board-of-Trustees>