



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 4/14/22
Re: Facilities Update

The wall in adult non-fiction that had efflorescence has been mostly repaired. The very large section where the paint was puffing up and chipping off was removed, repasted, sealed, and repainted. Along the upper portions of the wall there are still spots near the joists that are squishy. I made the landlord aware during a phone call on 4/13 that the large portion had been finished and looked very nice, but that there are still spots along the ceiling that will likely continue to deteriorate.

Bassett continues to try to fix the HVAC in the workroom/history room. This has been an ongoing issue since we moved to the site. The thermostat in the Local History Room controls temperature for the workroom where there are drafty delivery doors and a book drop. It was recently discovered that one of the heaters in the breakroom has not been working for some time and it continues to not respond to service calls. The landlord has agreed to explore moving the thermostat from Local History to the workroom, but if the heater doesn't work, that won't solve the issue at hand. We did install ceiling fans at our own expense to try to keep the workroom warmer, but it is not having as large of an effect as we had hoped for. We will continue to troubleshoot this issue with the landlord because we cannot expect staff to wear jackets and mittens in the workroom during the winter months.

