

Work Session on Carpeting January 14, 2020

The Oelwein Public Library Board of Trustees held a work session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at Furniture Showcase at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Ingersoll, Berryman, Mars, Kerns, Gilson, Gerdts, and Macken.

Absent: none

The board discussed setting up the meeting room and adjacent vestibule as a limited service library with computers, wi-fi, newspapers, and magazines. Patrons can request items for pick-up that the librarians will retrieve from closed stacks.

Furniture Showcase plans on installing the carpeting from March 9 through March 24. The new carpeting will have to set at least 24 hours before moving shelving and furniture on to it. The perimeter shelves will be left attached to the wall, but staff will investigate how to take off the bottom shelves so carpeting can be placed under them. The main circulation desk will not be moved.

The board looked at some samples, then returned to the library to discuss options with the person who will be laying the carpeting. The board would like to mimic the current layout. The board liked the idea of using a herringbone pattern in the atrium surrounded by a complimentary border and a complimentary pattern on the rest of the floor. The floor outlet covers will be re-covered with carpet or laminate. The transition from the meeting room to the vestibule tile has enough of a rise that there would be a tripping hazard if laminate was used in the meeting room. Carpeting would ease into the transition. Therefore, the board felt it was best to carpet the meeting room.

Berryman and Macken will meet to pick out some carpet sample combinations from which the board can choose.