



Director's Report

November 14, 2022

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 0998 5176

General Updates

- The Ilsley 100 Project Team will host two public meetings to share information on the work the Project Team has done so far; on the proposed square foot program; and to solicit feedback on a vision for our future library. The public meetings will be held on:
 - Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 pm in the library's Community Meeting Room
 - Friday, November 18th at 12:00 pm via Zoom
- I submitted an application to get the library's renovation/expansion project on the Addison County Regional Priority Project list.

Budget

- After learning that carpet cleaning is not considered a capital expense, I removed \$2,500 from our FY 24 capital improvements request and added it to our "Service Contracts" line in the operating budget proposal.
- The next step in the FY 24 budget process is a presentation to the Selectboard in late November/early December.
- I have submitted our annual programming budget request to the Friends of the Library. This year the total request is for \$13,698.

Personnel

- Royce McGrath has been hired to fill the Operations Manager position. Royce has been the Supervisor of Children's Services at the Concord Free Public Library in MA; before that, she was Supervisor of Public Services at the Newton Free Library in MA. She received her MLIS degree from Simmons College.

Facilities

- October 25, Mr. Mikes came in for a hazardous cleaning in the Green public bathroom.
- October 26, Plouffes removed the remaining old toilet and replaced with a new toilet. Both the public toilets have now been replaced and are operational.
- October 30, the library's emergency monitoring system detected water in the boiler room. Plouffes was able to make an emergency after-hours visit and diagnose the problem: a pump control broke, causing the pump to bring in new water continuously, which overflowed the furnace. This in turn caused the furnace to dump its water so that it didn't explode. A temporary control has been put in place while a plan for a longer term fix is explored.



Publicity

- John Flowers published an article in the November 3rd Addison Independent on the work of the Ilsley 100 Project Team, highlighting our upcoming meetings: "[Help sought in building Ilsley Update.](#)"
- The next installment of "Building the Library of the Future" was published in the Addison Independent on November 10, 2022. My article, "[Ilsley's Media Lab is a modern-day secret passage,](#)" was accompanied by an article by Ross Conrad, "[Media Lab to the rescue.](#)"

Upcoming Programs

- November 15 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. **Tome Talk. *House of Broken Angels*, Luis Alberto Urrea.** Join Renee and other group members for thought-provoking discussion of this month's book.
- November 15 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm . **Dr. Annie Moore-Cox Talk: Nursing Education in Crisis.** Sponsored by the Middlebury Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).
- November 18 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. **Puzzle Swap.** Looking for new puzzles for the upcoming winter? Join us in the Jessica Swift Community Room for a puzzle Exchange.
- November 18 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. **Parent/Teen Night.** Community Meeting Room. Teens & their favorite adult can come assemble and decorate bird houses, which can be kept or given as a holiday gift. No experience necessary.
- December 1 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. **Middlebury Community Classic Film Club Discussion: *Half of a Yellow Sun (2013)*.** All welcome to this hybrid discussion via Zoom and in the Ilsley Lobby. Watch the film first on Kanopy, then join us for the discussion. In 1960's Nigeria, two sisters travel on different roads in their lives but end up working to help create a new republic in the midst of civil war.
- December 3 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. **Used Book Sale.** Shop in Jessica Swift Community Room. Sponsored by Friend of Ilsley Public Library. All proceeds directly support programming at IPL.
- December 5 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. **Stitch in Time.** Stitch in Time open sewing group for kids and their families will meet once a month during the academic year on the first Monday of the month (barring holidays).
- December 7 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. **1st Wednesdays: Garret Graff *The New History of Watergate*.** Bestselling author and journalist Garrett M. Graff, whose new book *Watergate: A New History* serves as the definitive history of the scandal that came to define all others, discusses its modern legacy, how it shaped modern Washington, and how the actual events of 1971-1974 are actually so much stranger, wilder, and weirder than our popular memory.