

Directors Report
May 1, 2024

Library foundation:

As of April 16, 2024 the library foundation has no members. We currently have the bylaws and articles of incorporation, and will soon publicize requests for Library foundation members. The Director is in the process of creating packets and information for applicants, and all applicants need to get an application from Rochelle at City Hall.

Library friends:

Library friends is in the process of being reinstated, Cicely, Tammi, and Melody will be listed as agents while we get things started. Applications are also to be given to Rochelle at City Hall.

Archives:

Library is applying for funds from the Nebraska state historical Society for \$3000 to purchase storage for our Library archives materials. We have a few projects in line to begin this summer including Jim Tilman doing historical research on South Sioux City African-American history. We have funds from the library Commission to hire high a school student to assist/intern and we will use the intern to assist with sorting the archives. This will set us up to later catalog and preserve items in the storage.

Other business:

Library staff is interested in our tornado emergency policy. The only spaces to hold people is the basement which is a little bit difficult to access and has mold due to the pipes leaking. We also have the small storage room upstairs where several people can fit safely.

The Somali community will be using the libraries meeting room on Sundays. We will try This for short time and see how it goes. The Library renovation committee selected CMBA architects to design the Library building. Grants team met with them on Tuesday, April 30 to go over general plans and layout.

We are beginning to look at our fundraising campaign of the city will be using funds from the department of economic development to pay the cost is estimated to be around \$30,000.

The Northeast community college and the library are working together to create casual language learning called conversation tables starting in the summer twice a week.

The library is found a profit sharing agreement through the foundation with thrift books to take pallets of our used weed books and sell for a small profit. The city would like to make sure those items that are sold have been approved, but this falls in line with our waiting policy, which has already been approved by City Council Call In, we have funds available that I would like to use this year from.