**March 2024 Director’s Report**

Feb. Seymour Stats: Visits= 50 Feb. Cass Branch Stats: Visits= 237

WiFi= 7 WiFi= 25

Ref.= 8 Ref.= 43

House= 4 House= 103

Printer= $3.75 Printer= $15.00

Monthly review:

We had about 50+ people show up to the Winterfest Hedgehog Storytime at Cass on the 3rd. Kids learned about the hedgehog family that Mike Morton brought; and they created hedgehog-shaped snacks and crafts. The Sunday sledding was cancelled due to lack of snow.

After an issue with the phone at Stockton, Verizon support dealt with it-- installing a new outside phone line and removing the old modem in the basement. Meditations in Paint is still on Tuesday afternoons at the Seymour from 4-6 pm. D’Arsie plans to continue that through the summer.

We’ve added another private monthly reservation at Cass: Cass Historical Society (?) at 4 pm every first Wed.

The Frederick Douglass webinar on 2/7 was lightly attended but still interesting. It was a good practice run using the new TV for webinars.

For Storytime on the 10th, Ko Svetanics brought storyboards (Kamishibai), taught patrons how to make Dragon Sushi, and demonstrated how to use a Chinese jump rope for Chinese New Year.

The Cass Makerspace has been used by homeschooled children on a random basis. It’s free and “open play” on Mondays (or whenever patrons need it).

The Cass Book Club has seen a rise in membership with 7 now attending monthly. Mary’s Book Club has added another member.

With the grant approved for the Parks Project in April-June, our libraries are handing out bird surveys to children for RTPI. They need to be returned by Sat., March 9th, so I can get them to the RTPI graphic designer.

The ALA Handicap Accessible grant application was denied. Future options for a construction grant may be seriously considered pending the May school vote.

The clerks’ meeting on the 27th included Janet Ferry. We were able to discuss Summer Reading Programming (SRP) and develop more ideas, including a July 4th Beach Kick-Off event.