

Glen Lake Community Library



Newsletter March 2019

Winter is still very much in control in northern Michigan, as seen in the impressive ice shelf along the Empire beach, and the deep snow banks along our roads and driveways. However, a rumor of spring is undeniably in the air, as March progresses from lion to lamb. It's also a season of change here at the GLCL, as anticipation grows for our upcoming transformation. There's much news to share, so here's a thorough update on the status of our exciting building project, and what to expect over the next few months.

Building Contract awarded

Last month, our Board of Trustees approved the selection of **Hallmark Construction**, of Traverse City, to build our new facility. They were selected from five pre-qualified construction firms, after thorough review by both our Building Committee and project architects, Quinn Evans Architects. Hallmark Construction will draw on their experience with commercial and civic building projects, including public libraries in the Grand Traverse region.

Our current building will be turned over to Hallmark on **Monday, April 15**. A construction timeline hasn't been finalized, but it's anticipated that the new facility should be ready by spring of 2020. We'll share construction updates, including photographs, on our website and Facebook page throughout the project. We look forward to working with the Hallmark team to bring our design for a new library to life, creating an active and engaging new community resource.

This milestone has been reached thanks to incredible community engagement and support, and dedicated leadership by our Board of Trustees. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to our Building Committee, under the skilled leadership of Leonard Marszalek. This committee will continue to work with the builders and architects throughout construction, while a new Furnishings, Fixtures and Equipment subgroup will also provide assistance.

Capital Campaign reaches the mark

This project has been made possible due to the overwhelming community response to the Capital Campaign. The ambitious fundraising goal of \$1.758 million encompassed the entire anticipated cost of the project including: architectural and engineering services, permits, construction, contingencies, new furniture, fixtures and equipment and fundraising expenses. We are excited to announce that the total raised to date is \$1.8 million! In just over a year, \$1.3 million in donations and pledges have been received, building upon a \$400,000 existing capital needs endowment. A generous gift of \$100,000 from the Friends of the Library provided a huge boost, as did grants from the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs, Rotary Charities, and other foundations. Community support was critical to our success. All told, over 400 individuals, families, service organizations, and businesses made donations, ranging from \$10 to \$200,000.

In February, a \$28,000 challenge grant provided a final and important push. The “28K in 28 Days” Miller Family Challenge prompted 83 donors, both new and repeat, to donate more than \$49,000 to the campaign. Hearing about the success of the challenge, the Millers wrote “We feel blessed to be able to support the expansion of the library and can’t wait to see the project get underway!” as they added another \$2,000 to their original pledge. A grand total of over \$79,000 was raised for the project.

The generosity of our supporters has been nothing short of remarkable, allowing us move ahead with construction earlier than originally planned. Are we *really* done? According to Capital Campaign co-chair Linda Young: Not quite. Typical of capital building projects, there are still items on our wish list such as new shelving, furniture needs, landscaping and improvements to the front entry plaza. If you have questions about such giving opportunities, please contact the library.

Another huge “Thank You!” is due to our Capital Campaign committee, led by Linda Young along with co-chairs Chris Nelson and Corinne Cochran. Their tireless efforts energized our supporters throughout the Glen Lake area and well beyond.

Our temporary home

We’ll be taking our show on the road, just around the corner to the former home of Grocer’s Daughter Chocolates, at **12020 S. Leelanau Highway** (M-22). Owners Tim Barr and Bonnie Nescot are leasing the building to us at a very reasonable rate, and have given it a thorough makeover with new interior paint, wood paneling and other improvements. We’ll have roughly 1500 square feet at our disposal, divided into 2 public rooms and one office / storage room.

The 2019-2020 edition of the Glen Lake *Limebrary*, so dubbed because of its vivid green exterior, will feature our usual collections and services, scaled to fit the available space. We’ll offer a core collection of more recent acquisitions, both books and media, along with selected titles of higher interest. Our annual collection budget of \$25,500 will allow us to provide a steady stream of new materials throughout our stay. While a significant portion of our existing collection will go into storage, requested titles will be available through MelCat, the state-wide interlibrary loan service.

The cozy space will require some creative arrangements. A reading nook will be adjacent to our periodical collection, book shelves in the children's section may be moveable, and chairs and stools will be tucked away in various spots throughout the building. Some outdoor seating will also be available. Our workhorse copier/fax/scanner will of course make the move, while Chromebooks will provide public Internet access via WiFi. Some programs will be offered on site, such as our weekly Stories & More preschool gatherings. Other activities will take place outdoors, as weather allows, or at alternate locations such as area township halls. Finally, an outdoor book drop will be installed for after-hours returns.

The Big Move

With construction slated to begin by mid-April, we have our marching orders. The library will be closed temporarily, from **April 8 through 13**, so that we can transition into our temporary home. Planning and coordinating the move presents a number of challenges. Assessing collections is a primary task, determining what will go to the interim facility, what to store for use in the new building, and which volumes have reached the end of their useful library lifespan. During the next month, “weeded” titles will be available for sale, with a suggested donation of \$1 per title. Proceeds will go to the Friends of the Glen Lake Library to support future library projects.

Similarly, all furniture and shelving is being assessed, with only selected pieces moving to our interim facility. Some pieces will be stored for use in the new building, but the remainder must be disposed of prior to the move. This surplus furniture can be reviewed beginning **Monday, March 18**. Items will not be priced, but donations will be encouraged, and will be applied to building project expenses. Reserved items can then be picked up during the week of April 8 to 13, while the library is closed.

Patrons will also have a unique opportunity to stock up on books and media for the coming year, while helping us with our storage needs. Materials that would otherwise be moved to storage will be available for long-term loan. These extended loans will be available beginning **Monday, March 25**. Contact the library if you have questions about this offer.

Digital Collections extend the shelves

Keep in mind that a growing number of our resources are already available “24/7”, on your computer or mobile device. The **Up North Digital Collection** provides thousands of e-books and audiobooks. **RB Digital** extends our virtual reach, with additional audiobooks, along with popular magazines and Transparent Languages. **Kanopy**, our newest digital resource, has been a huge hit with movie lovers. If you haven’t yet discovered these great resources, this is a perfect time to begin exploring. All three offer extensive help menus and tutorials, and mobile apps for various platforms. Library staff will be happy to assist as well.

Anne-Marie Oomen: April 13

As it happens, our move will be taking place during National Library Week, which we’ve traditionally celebrated with special presentations and treats. However, we will take a break at week’s end, with a presentation by Anne-Marie Oomen, on Saturday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m. Anne-Marie will read from ***Elemental: a collection of Michigan creative nonfiction***, a 2019 **Michigan Notable Book** selection. Anne-Marie served as editor of this diverse anthology, and also contributed an essay. The book features the work of over 20 authors, with northern Michigan well represented by the likes of Jacob Wheeler, Stephanie Mills, Jerry Dennis, Holly Wren Spaulding, and Mardi Jo Link. Anne-Marie’s presentation will take place at the Empire Township Hall.

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, March 18

surplus furniture available for review

Monday, March 25

extended checkouts available

Monday, April 8 – Saturday, April 13

library closed for moving
furniture available for pickup

Monday, April 15

interim library reopens