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Exciting Things Ahead!



Now that I have a year under my belt as Director, I figured that it is high time I got my hands dirty and got some things going. I have great ambition for this library and what it can achieve for this community. And the community is truly what we have in mind when we approach our vision of the future for the library. I have taken what I have observed over the past year and proceeded to find ways to solve problems and move us forward.

One thing I have observed is the abundance of folks with laptops and other devices needing places to plug into electrical outlets. Also seating is at a premium in our public areas. So, how can we respond to the need of our patrons while being constrained by a limited budget?



What are our assets? We have a lot of unutilized space on the lower level of our building. In fact, we have a large room that has been wired with several electrical outlets. All we need to do is fix up the space and allow people to use it!

So, as I type, we are currently doing just that. What we will ultimately do is open and **"eLounge"** – a space for people to bring their devices, plug in and use them comfortably. We hope to have coffee and beverages available for a nominal fee.

We may only be able to open the eLounge part-time at first, due to staffing limitations. But this should begin to address a need in our community to have an available workspace in a comfortable atmosphere.

Stay tuned, as we are targeting the opening of our eLounge for this summer.

Beer!

With St. Patrick's Day right around the corner, it brings to mind another exciting thing we are planning – a Beer Tasting!



This event will be invitation only and a great evening of fun, food and beer pairings, as well as a great new way to show support for your library. We will have gift basket raffles, live music,

and great discussions about beer.

We are targeting the event for September, so stay tuned for details.

Books as Art



We are also excited about embarking on a partnership with Art Partners Studio for some cool artwork for our fall event – Altered Books.

If you Google the term altered books, you will find hundreds of fascinating images of books turned into intricate sculptures. We are gathering folks who are interested in this artform to create works and donate them to help us with our fundraising efforts.

If you are interested in participating, please let us know.

