

## ELK RAPIDS DISTRICT LIBRARY (ERDL) REPORT

### April 12, 2021

- **ERDL Lease Agreement** – The Building Committee met on Monday, April 12, 2021 to discuss the draft lease agreement. This meeting was posted and open to the public. All concerns, comments and questions will be brought forward to the ERDL Board then submitted to the ERDL attorney for a written legal opinion. It's vital to clarify the library's lease with the Village, deed restrictions, and how they interact with an ordinance passed by the Village in 2019. All doubt must be eliminated to safeguard the interests of the ERDL and supporting taxpayers. The focus of eliminating all future challenges regarding the legality of this lease agreement and to establish/maintain a landlord/tenant relationship needs to be the priority.
- **ERDL Officer Appointments** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held April 8, 2021 facilitated by our new Library Board President went smoothly. It was a decision in February 2021 of the ERDL Board that different leadership is necessary that will be more effective in pursuing new directions and priorities. To date, my expectations have been met and I look forward to positive meetings based on facts, adhering to policy and procedures, and making decisions for the betterment of library services for the community.
- **Audit of Capital Campaign** – Still Pending.
- **Capital Campaign shift to The Friends** – Still Pending.
- **Equal Representation on all committees** - Equal representation of all 3 municipalities has been a priority, as stated by incoming ERDL Board President at the February 2021 meeting. Corrective measures have been implemented.
- **Recognizing the Partnership** – Establishing and maintaining the correct mindset will be a priority for the ERDL board to recognize each municipality as an equal partner with efforts of establishing a positive relationship going forward. Each municipality represents their constituents through their appointees, and no single municipality reigns supreme.
- **ERDL Board Responsibility** – As a library board member it will be my focus to enforce the message that we have a responsibility to make the best decisions for the library and participating communities. Each board member is tasked to perform due diligence to carefully consider all aspects of financial impact, short and long term affects, with future trends and needs of the District Library and its patrons.