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Forest Lodge Library to Break Ground on New Facility

CABLE, WI – May 29, 2025 – The Forest Lodge Library is proud to announce the groundbreaking ceremony for its new library building. The event will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the library's site at 13450 Co Hwy M in Cable, Wisconsin. This significant milestone follows the recent award of a \$1.8 million Flexible Facilities Grant, which, combined with generous community donations, is making this vision a reality. The new facility is designed to provide much-needed expanded space and modern amenities while honoring the library's unique heritage. The project will allow the Forest Lodge Library to better serve the growing needs of the community and surrounding areas for the next 20 years.

"We are incredibly excited to break ground on this new chapter for the Forest Lodge Library," said Amanda Westlund, Library Director. "This project is a testament to the unwavering support of our community, our dedicated donors, and the vital funding from the Flexible Facilities Grant. The new building will not only expand our capacity but also ensure our beloved library continues to be a vibrant hub for learning, connection, and discovery for generations to come."

Attendees at the groundbreaking ceremony will include representatives of the towns of Cable and Namakagon; leaders of Bayfield County; the Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees; representatives from the Katie Flowers Endowment Board, the fundraising arm of the Forest Lodge Library; Westlund Architects; Royal Construction; key donors; and many more community members who have contributed to this endeavor.

The public is invited to join in this celebratory event as the Forest Lodge Library embarks on its next century of service to the community. Thanks to all who have made this possible. To keep up to date, you can sign up for the Forest Lodge Library newsletter [here](#).

The Forest Lodge Library boasts a rich history, founded in 1925 by Mary Livingston Griggs. Originally named "The Community House," Mrs. Griggs envisioned a downtown Cable facility that would combine the functions of a library, community meeting center, and public restroom. Later renamed the Forest Lodge Library, the building stands as one of only two log cabin libraries in the State of Wisconsin. While not the oldest structure, it holds the distinction of being the longest continuously operating library within its original building. Its historical significance was recognized in 2000 when it was named to the State Register of Historic Places.

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