

There were so many Facility and Building updates this month, I wanted to give you a chance to read about them before the Library Board Meeting:

- Our newest member of the library maintenance team, Amber, started on July 8th. Her schedule includes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. Her assigned custodial duties are comprised of light restroom cleaning, rotational cleaning of assigned high-traffic areas, and individually-tailored maintenance tasks. Amber has been working with her advocate from Ascend Services for the last 3 weeks and will be transitioning to working solo with supervision from me. Amber has been very diligent in adapting to the features of a busy library and looks to be a great fit for our team.
- Our annual sprinkler inspection was a success, and another yearly permit was issued. Similarly, our dual boilers have also passed their state inspection and have been issued the subsequent 3-year permit for both safety and liability insurance.
- We will be using local salvage services to load and dispose of items that have gone far beyond their range of usability and condition. Items such as stained/damaged office furniture, damaged shelving, and normal junk that you think you may use one day, but let's be realistic, it's still junk.
- The short parapet wall and date stone near the flag pole have been repaired. The local mason also repaired some other areas where the foundation was damaged and would have been a problem in the future.
- We are focusing on Option B for the location of the construction of a new family restroom. After reviewing Option A, which involved enlarging the current toddler restroom, we encountered difficulties in meeting some of the ADA requirements. Option B will focus on the much larger and more convenient location of the current maintenance storage room, located next to the Board Room. We are currently digitizing the blueprints to simplify the process of assembling layout designs and potential costs.
- We had some minor issues with the A/C system these past couple of weeks, precipitated by gull activity. We had 2 exhaust fans overloaded by gulls that needed replacing. As mentioned previously, since the rooftop HVAC replacement is still underway, we have been focusing on maintaining the current unit to get the library through one more summer.
- Speaking of gulls, their latest caper has been to knock the plastic filter screens covering the roof drains. These prevent large objects from getting stuck and prevent rainwater and melting snow from pooling on the roof. Once the screens are off, the exposed drains look very similar to a pre-built nest. I have fished out about half a dozen eggs from near the top and about 3 smaller ones that made their way down to the clean-out port in the library.

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