

June 2018 Trustee Meeting

We will go live with our new catalog VERSO on Friday June 8th. I will submit our current holdings and patron records to our AutoGraphics rep on Thursday night, then review them on Saturday. I worked with Ron King to train him on the test site so he is ready to go by the beginning of next week. The subscription to LibraryWorld, our current catalog, expires on June 18th, the following Monday. I am hopeful for VERSO. It has more functionality, more reports, but there will inevitably be some minor bumps. This has been grant funded and so the year of VERSO offers little risk to us other than expenditure of time. Hopefully we will have a smooth first week.

We have some Dungeons & Dragons role playing games coming up. I hosted one game for adults and have a teenage game approaching. It will be a fun addition to our programs, and is low cost. D&D is having a resurgence in popularity right now and I imagine we'll add another group for younger players soon.

I am currently working with the summer school lead to figure out how the library will be integrated into their program. I am talking to Rachel Cliche, a wildlife biologist at Silvio Conte, about working together on a nature journaling program that she proposed. It could be a fun program for either the summer school kids or of all ages during and after the summer.

I am trying to get a painting program (with wine) in the library during the summer.

As a favor for a visiting educational researcher I am 3D printing some items for her research on pre-k kids with special needs.

Books arrive weekly and I continue to add to the collection and buy for individual patrons. I am again starting to minimally weed in adult fiction and nonfiction, focusing on books that have not been borrowed for six or more years. New titles require space and this is something we need to create on our shelves.

Respectfully,
Craig Varley