



- EnvSIONWare update: we have installed the new computer time management, printer management, mobile printing, cash register, and credit card systems at the Algansee, Coldwater, and Quincy branches. Getting to this point has been a huge effort and there's plenty more to come. The first week in February we'll install the same for Bronson, Sherwood, and Union Twp. This is a lot of new things for us to absorb all at once, and as with any new system there are bugs to squash. We'll work hard to do so. When it's all done, staff and patrons alike will have a number of new features at their disposal. Patrons will be able to print to library printers from home, reserve library computers for specific times up to a week in advance, and make payments on their account online.
- Setup is done for NewsBank and Hoopla. Working on gathering promo and training materials now. NewsBank will go live at the end of January and Hoopla in mid February. We are super excited about both.
- We put out a "New Year's Resolutions" video highlighting all the upcoming changes. Have a look if you haven't seen it yet: <https://youtu.be/eGwNscGtuZY>.
- In Coldwater Building news, the mechanical parts of the elevator work are complete. However, during the inspection the state inspector would not permit us to use the elevator because our antiquated fire alarm system cannot support the current Michigan elevator code. We found out about this in December. Bids are in the works, I'm expecting them in the next couple of weeks. We will have to call a special board meeting to address this so as to minimize the amount of time the elevator will be further offline. The work won't be cheap, since it will necessitate a complete rewiring of the building and new equipment in basically every room. To put a positive spin on this, we've not had any major work on our fire alarm system in nearly 40 years, so we've actually been pretty fortunate.

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