



- On Friday, January 16th, the BDL Board Technology Committee met to get an overview of the library's tech situation and discuss the plan for this year and the next several years. The committee approved of the Systems Librarian's plan to pursue quotes this year for:
 - replacing a large number of computers
 - for upgrading barcode readers so we can scan patron's smartphones
 - to upgrade the internal network speeds at all branches which have a need
 - to update the desktop publishing software used by staff
 - to get video surveillance put in place in all branches which do not already have it
 - and to overhaul the phone system district-wide.

Quotes are being sought now for all of these things. None are ready as of yet. Once they are, they will be brought to the Board for approval.

- I have added a new feature has been added to our public web site to automatically publish informational posts and calendar events to our social media feeds. This will save library staff from having to post the same information multiple times and keep the public more informed.
- In this month's packer there was a bill from FM Electric and there were two bills from Ludwick electric. FM repaired an outlet in the Coldwater Branch and replaced several burned out ballasts. They also examined the two light poles out in the east parking lot, but could not determine the cause of the issue. Weather was a complicating factor and they plan to come back when there is less snow and ice.
 - At Union Twp. Branch, Ludwick installed a new fax line. The new fax machine purchased last year can now actually function!
 - At Bronson Branch, Ludwick corrected a wiring problem that interfered with our Internet connection.

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