



- Everyone has been very helpful as we get the budget ready, getting me the information I need and offering suggestions. Thanks to all, and especially Darlene, Woodlands Coop director Kate Andrade, and our accountant, Tim Taylor. We are scheduling a finance committee meeting to get our first draft recommendation ready now.
- We've been having some conversations with Foster & Swift on the employee handbook and some other matters. You will find a bill in the next packet for this.
- I attended a meeting of the western Michigan Woodlands Library Cooperative member directors in Constantine last week. This was a good opportunity for some collegial face time and we share information and tips and tricks with each other on a variety of topics.
- Long-time Bronson clerk, Stephanie Davis, has submitted her notice of retirement, effective September 26. Stephanie has been a joy to work with during my twelve years here, and no doubt has been since 1989 when she began working with us. Stephanie: you have been an excellent employee, thanks so much for all your work over the years. You will be missed!
- Per our Plan of Service, we will be putting out a position announcement and consulting with the Bronson Advisory Board on getting a new clerk on board at the Bronson Branch.
- We received our first ever Freedom of Information Act request. This request has come from a for-profit company, SmartProcure, who wants to harvest some of our purchasing records from 2010 to the present to then re-sell to its own customers. This is allowed by law, and SmartProcure has been flooding state libraries with similar requests in recent months. Thankfully, we have our recently approved detailed policy and guidelines (https://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org/foia_policy) to follow, and have taken care of this request.