

Cook Memorial Library
Notes from Jan. 29, 2018 Strategic Planning meeting

Attending: Library Trustees Anne Chant, Evan Henderson, Skip Nason, Linda Bittner, Sheryl Power, Allie Kaplan-Thompson, Robin Gordon, Library Director Mary Cronin, Friends of Cook Memorial Library representative Jan Hamel.

Community organizations interested in being involved in library's planning process so far:

- UUFES: David Wilkins, Chair of UUFES's Governing Board contacted Mary
- Friends of Cook Memorial Library: Jan Hamel offered FoCML as a group to beta-test format for community conversations

Mary shared that she will be attending a day-long workshop on strategic planning at the Public Library Association's conference in March.

Discussion of how to use *Libraries Transforming Communities: A step-by-step guide to "turning outward" to your community* as a starting point for developing strategic plan for our library.

- Make a list of organizations to contact about participating in the "aspirations" exercise. Mary will start an editable Google Doc and share with this group.
- Develop a short explanation to educate groups we contact about what we hope to accomplish by beginning strategic planning process with an "aspirations" exercise. Mary will write a draft and circulate for comment and editing.
- Begin by beta-testing the "aspirations" exercise at next library's staff meeting, Friends' meeting, Trustees' meeting. Consider beginning these meetings with the "turn outward" quiz, or asking groups to take it ahead of time.

Tamworth Planning Board will be beginning work on an update to the Town's Master Plan this year. Mary will contact them to ask about sharing information and ways we can work together.

Next meeting will be part of regular Library Trustees' meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018.

Notes by Mary Cronin