

Director to make library lease decision

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LANSING — Lewis O. Flom, Lansing Public Library official, says they will review space needs with the library's new director before deciding what to do with space now rented by the Lansing Historical Society.

Library officials Thursday said their lease with the society runs through June 30, 2000. The society rents for \$12,400 square feet of space in the lower level of the library for its museum.

The historical society also has space at the old village hall at the corner of Lake and Henry streets.

"Probably within the next six months we should notify them by letter that we intend to use that space within the next five years," library board President David Tanis said.

But board Treasurer William Lathrop said he would rather see some concrete plans for using the space first.

"I just wouldn't want to tell them now," he said. "I would rather have something concrete."

Tanis said the library has no plans for how the museum space could be used, but said, "with a new director and new ideas, we want to stay flexible."

The board last month hired Janice Bojda as library director, replacing Joanne Jensen, who resigned in April. Bojda will start work Nov. 5.

"In six months we'll review our situation. After that, we'll have to see where we're going," Tanis said. He said the library has not yet discussed with the historical society any plans to use its space.

In other matters, the board agreed to buy additional roof sealant materials for no more than \$10,000.

The library has about \$1,000 in sealant materials in hand and the additional materials will enable workers to finish sealing another section of the roof this season, said board member Terry McKenna.