

January, 2025 Director's Report to Trustees

- **SERVICE AND SERVICE PROMOTION**

Maintain regular and open communications with all governing bodies, boards, librarians and the general public regarding the operations of the Suring Area Public Library.

- Towns of Bagley, Brazeau and Village of Suring are still looking for people to fill our trustee vacancies. It is not an easy process.
- I am in the process of writing up a grant to purchase a defibrillator for the building. Kim at the Village is also helping with this process.
- We have received a \$1,000 donation to be used to purchase Large Print Books.
- I am now working on the Annual DPI Report for 2024. It will be approved at the February meeting.

Create and implement a wide range of programming for all segments of the population with an emphasis on children, teens, families, and senior citizens.

- There are 3 entertainers lined up for the 2025 Summer Reading Program: 6/17/25 will be Ron Lindberg's "Bombastic Bubble Show", 6/24/25 is Caleb Strutz and his "Dragon Training Academy", 7/8/25 is Scott Oberman's "Magic World of Color", and 7/15/25 is J & R Aquatic Animal Rescue. These events will take place at Veteran's Park in Suring.
- There will be a Bug Tussel class on February 5th, "Smartphone Basics" at 10 AM. The class is FREE.
- On April 10th, Chad Lewis will be coming to the Learning Center with his program, "Wisconsin's Gangster Past". This event is at 7 PM and open to the public.
- The Village Hall and Library had their Annual Holiday Vendor & Craft Open House on Friday and Saturday, 12/6 & 12/7 in the Learning Center and Library. We again had a great turnout of people stop in.
- Each vendor from the Open House donated an item for Silent Auction. The funds from the Auction were given to the library. We made \$355.
- We are having a How-to class on February 22nd at 10 AM. We will learn how to make homemade softshell tortillas and some homemade spices. One of our patrons will be leading the class.
- Santa came to town on Saturday, 12/14/24 and visited the Learning Center. We put together 70 Take and Make Crafts and they all went.
- Samantha hosted another Noon Year's Party in the Learning Center on December 31st. There were games, a craft, balloon drop at noon. There were 36 in attendance.
- The Annual School Art Show will be Wednesday, March 12th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. This event is open to the public and is FREE.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

To be a liaison between the Friends of the Library organization and the Library.

- The Friends group and library are working on a grant through the American Library Association. The money would be used for programming.
- The Friends are donating \$10,000 toward the roofing project.
- Friends meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 5 PM.

- **To create and implement a long-term plan for the Suring Area Public Library.**

- The library is working diligently to accomplish goals set forth in the long-term plan.

- **COLLECTION MANAGEMENT**

Review collection development options that include both traditional and non-traditional materials.

- In talking with staff, we are going to work on our Young Adult Collection. It needs some TLC.
- Working on adult nonfiction titles that still circulate. Such as biographies, history, maybe self-help.
- We have added 2 new Steam Kits for kids to our collection. They include games that teach, board books and more.

Develop and implement a weeding schedule to keep up-to-date with the ever-changing needs/wants of library patrons.

- We have created a new section for Children Nonfiction Graphic Novels.

- **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Actively assess the care and maintenance of the library building and grounds as well as evaluate the functionality of the library and recommend and/or make changes as needed.

- The roof will be replaced in the Spring. Half has been paid. The rest is due when roof is done. Total cost as of now is \$84,900. The roofers will look at the window in the library that has been leaking in the spring.

The Suring Area Public Library connects people with information, ideas, and experiences to provide education and enjoyment.