

March, 2026 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.

- Circulation of digital OverDrive (ebooks) titles is, increasingly, a core library service, currently representing around 20% of total OWLSnet circulation and increasing every year. To meet increasing demand, a committee was formed to investigate adding another account in addition to Overdrive. The committee recommended requiring every OWLSnet library to contribute to the Infosoup Overdrive Advantage account and implementing a usage-based funding structure over the next three years (2027-2029). The goal is the OWLSnet libraries to collectively fund the Infosoup Advantage account in the same total dollar amount they are collectively contributing to the state-wide OverDrive collection.
- Training for our new circulation software will begin in April. Our Children's Librarian, Sam will be attending training in Gillett at their community center. She will then train the rest of us.
- We will be reviewing Trustee Essentials 4, 5., 6 and Policies IV, V, VI.

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

- Suring School had their Annual Art Show at the Library on March 11th. The art is on display until the end of March.
- Our Hook and Knit get together will now take place the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am. One of our patrons would like to guide the group of people that will be attending. It will still be the premise that everyone brings their knitting, crocheting, etc. and uses the time to converse and maybe learn from one another.
- National Library Week 2026 runs from **April 19–25, 2026**, with the theme "**Find Your Joy**". This annual, nationwide celebration, sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) since 1958, recognizes the essential role libraries, library staff, and librarians play in strengthening communities. There will be activities going on all month.
- Through the County, the Library will be having a Foot Clinic the first Thursday of the month from 8 am – 3 PM in the Learning Center. The clinic begins in April.
- Chad Lewis will be presenting "Paranormal WI". The event will take place on May 14th at 6:30 PM.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

- The Friends continue to have Silent Auctions for the display cases.
- Baking on the 45th Parallel, along with the Friends of the Library are once again having their Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, 3/28/26 from 9 – 11 am at Suring Public School in the cafeteria. There will be games, cookie decorating, snacks and the Easter Bunny. This event is FREE and open to the public.
- The Friends have changed their event name "Chocolate and Cheer" to "Love Our Library" event. The event is held to thank current Friends for their hard work and to promote new members. The date for this event is Thursday, April 23rd at Randy's Place Bar and Grill, beginning at 6 PM.

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

- We reviewed our long-range plan last year.

- **COLLECTION MANAGEMENT**

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

- We've added more jigsaw puzzles to our collection for checking out.

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

- We will again start weeding of our collection in April. Items that are weeded will be put in our book sale that takes place Labor Day Weekend.

- **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 Library and Village of Suring had to purchase toilet for the women's handicap stall in the bathroom. We've had issues for quite some time with the toilet not flushing properly and it is not a commercial toilet. It is ADA compliant.

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