

June, 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.

- Stop in the library and fill out a postcard telling us why you feel libraries are important. In March, an executive order was signed which led to the shutdown of the Institute for Museum and Library Service (IMLS). This federal agency provides funding to museums and libraries nationwide. Without IMLS funding, many libraries will struggle to maintain essential services like Interlibrary Loans, Badgerlink Access, Workforce Dev. Programs, Tech. Upgrades and more. The postcard you fill out will be sent to The Milwaukee County Federated Library System who will then send the postcards to elected officials. Support our libraries!
- Budget time is almost upon us. We will schedule a budget meeting for July at this month's meeting.
- A reminder of the services that the library offers: laminating, disc resurfacing, copies, prints, notary. We do have customers come in on a regular basis utilizing these services.

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

- We had Rondini's Bombastic Bubble Show at Veteran's Park on Tuesday, June 17. There were over 75 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the bubbles! Our next entertainer is Tuesday, June 24 at 2:30 PM. The name of the show is Dragon Training Academy. Realistic looking animatronic dragons will be there. Watch as inventor & time traveler Brock Barnabas visits the present time to recruit some adventurous kids to travel back to the Medieval times. They train to help deal with an overpopulation of dragons! Kids are trained to both defend against and tame down dragons using Brock's amazing science-based inventions and techniques. Upon completion of the audience's training, Brock Barnabas prepares to transport the kids to the past but inadvertently draws a dragon right to your event! Kids get to use their newly learned skills to deal with the dragon in the room! All shows are set up with a post-show meet and greet with a baby dragon animatronic!
- We have restarted our game day for adults. It is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1 PM.
- InfoSoup Library Road Trip has begun and runs through September 1st (Labor Day). Participants can pick up a map booklet at any participating InfoSoup library. Visit any of the participating libraries and get your booklet stamped. For every 10 stamps or codes collected, patrons go to an InfoSoup member library and get an entry form to fill out. Drawing takes place September 22, 2025.
- We have our State Park Pass Program going on all year.
- This years Summer Library Program theme is "Color Our World". It's not too late to sign up and we have a program for little kids, youth and adults.
- Samantha and I have started discussing the library having a Trivia Night at one of our local establishments.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

- The Friends continue to have Silent Auctions of items in the display cases.

- The Friends next fundraiser/event is their annual Bridge Ice Cream Social and Brat fry that takes place July 20, from 10 AM – 2 PM. There will be burgers, brats, pie and ice cream, soda, water and visiting with everyone there. This event is held on the old Suring Bridge.
- The Friends have contributed \$1,000 toward our entertainers for the Summer Reading Program.
- **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.
 - We are going to be adding Phonics materials to our collection as schools and homeschool moms have inquiring about it. I am applying for a grant that would cover the cost of some of the materials.
 - “You Decide” titles are being ordered. A form of “Choose Your Own Adventure” books.

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

- Weeding of our collection is done. The withdrawn items will be part of our Labor Day Weekend Annual Book Sale.
- **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.
 - We'll be reseeding some of the grass that didn't come up next to the library.
 - We have 2 high school girls who are doing the cleaning of the building. They are doing a fantastic job.

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