

March, 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 Brazeau and Village of Suring are still looking for people to fill our trustee vacancies.

- **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 4 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.
- We have restarted our game day for adults. It takes place the second Tuesday of the month at 1 PM in the Learning Center. All kinds of board games are available to play from the library or those attending can bring their own to try. This event is sponsored by the Friends.
- 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 Annual School Art Show was Wednesday, March 12th. There were over 130 people.
- Samantha and I were at Suring School on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, for Literacy Night. Kids were able to register for a library card and we had button making. We had 53 kids come through to make buttons and 5 new card registrations.
- Concealed/Carry class took place March 8th in the Learning Center. There were 20 people in attendance.
- The library has started a 3rd Book Club which takes place the 3rd Monday at 11 AM in the Learning Center.

- **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 calendar of events is as follows:

Library Appreciation Week, 4/6-4/12

Chocolate & Cheer Membership Drive (@ Randy's Place), 4/24/25, 6 – 8PM

Annual Rummage Sale, 5/8-5/10, 5/15-5/17

Bridge Ice Cream Social & Brat Fry, 7/20/25, 10AM – 2PM

Friends Annual Book Sale, 8/28-8/30

- **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.

- I have started adding to our YA Large Print as these books have been circulating quite frequently.
- I am adding to our collection of classic materials.

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

- Weeding of our collection has begun.

- **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 is being replaced (3/18/25). Half has been paid. 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 library will discuss/approve? with the Trustees the purchase of a new copier/printer/scanner. The copier we have now has had a lot of issues and we would be saving in the long run. The price per month is only \$55 - \$60 more per month.

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