

February, 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.
- We have received a \$1,000 donation to be used to purchase Large Print Books.

- **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.
- We had a How-to class on February 22nd at 10 AM. We learned how to make homemade softshell tortillas and some homemade spices. We also spent time discussing nutrition and making things from scratch. We are looking forward to having another class very soon.
- 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.
- The library will be at Suring School on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, for Literacy Night. Kids will be able to register for a library card, they can enter a drawing to win a prize, there will be button making as well as information on what the library has to offer. This event is from 4 – 6 PM.
- 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 are donating \$10,000 toward the roofing project.

- **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 work on our young adult collection as well as adult nonfiction.
- I am adding to our collection of classic materials.
- 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.

- Weeding will begin again this Spring.

- **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.