

August, 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.

- I attended the Town of Breed Board Meeting to give a report on the library. I will be going to Mountain in September.
- We had Blood Borne Pathogen refresher training on Tuesday morning, July 29th in Bonduel. After, we had staff in-service at the library and talked about programming and we did some cleaning of our back store room.
- 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.**

- The 2025 SRP was a huge success! The adult program concludes after Labor Day. There was record attendance at our events that took place at Veteran's Park. There was a paint party at Veteran's Park on the 12th of August. The kids painted rocks, there was ice cream and Sam read a book to the kids. A great way to wrap up the program.
- InfoSoup Library Road Trip is done September 1st (Labor Day). There weren't as many attendees this year but we are optimistic for next years' Library Road Trip.
- We have our State Park Pass Program going on until the end of the year.
- Tuesday, August 5th was National Night Out from 6 – 8 PM at Veteran's Memorial Park. There was a great turnout again this year. There were bounce houses, games, free food and ice cream, prizes, as well as law enforcement, fire department, ambulance, and more.
- September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. There will be activities going on at the library during this time. Do one of the activities to be entered into a drawing at the end of the month.
- We will start showing movies in September. Stay tuned.
- Chad Lewis will be doing a program at the library on Monday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM on Lake Superior.

- **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 Book Sale that takes place Thursday 8/28 – Saturday 8/30/25 in the Learning Center. For sale will be books, DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks, and more. On Wednesday, August 27th at 5 PM, there will be a book signing by 3 local authors in the library. Come to the book signing and you will get to take part in a Book Pre-Sale.

- **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 have started adding Phonics materials to our collection using grant money received through NFLS.
- I have ordered Vox Audiobooks for our children's collection. Vox are like Wonderbooks but somewhat cheaper but there is not as big an assortment of titles as with Wonderbooks.

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.

- Our foyer and hallways have been painted. An amazing job was done by Sarah School.
- Bontrager has come to check out one of our windows on the Northeast side of the building. They did some re-caulking as well as going on the roof to tighten up some of the screws that have been loosened from expanding and contracting.

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