

August, 2024 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.

- The Oconto County Planning Committee has come up with a plan which will be discussed at the board meeting.
- Trustee Training Week was 8/19 - 8/23, 2024. The sessions included: Everything You Want to Know About Book Challenges...and a Bit You Probably Don't; Wisconsin Library Law; Making Each Other Look Good: The Library Board and the Library Director; Organization and Governance Best Practices for Boards; Robert's Rules Refresher. There were a few board members that came into the library to watch the webinars.

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

- Maker Monday (8/13/24) had 9 in attendance. They painted on canvas.
- The library is distributing information on an Art and Poetry Contest hosted by the Machickanee Players. Middle through high school students, as well as community members are encouraged to participate in the contest by creating their own inspired poetry and art. All 6 Oconto County Libraries are part of this event. More information can be picked up in the library. Projects are due by October 1st.
- Hook & Knit begins again in September. It is the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 2 PM in the library.
- We will start showing movies again this Fall.
- Summer Reading Program for the kids has been completed. The adult program ends after Labor Day.
- InfoSoup Road Trip is coming to a close (Labor Day weekend). The library had quite a few people from other libraries stop in to get their booklets stamped. It was great to meet people outside the community.
- Our State Park Pass program is still in progress. The program runs to the end of the year. The pass is good for 1 day at any WI State Parks.
- National Night Out was a huge success. There was a huge turnout. The library had a squirt gun, solo cup, squirt gun race as well as coloring pages for the kids to take home.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

- The Friends Annual Bridge Social took place Sunday, July 28th. It was a beautiful day and the Friends made close to \$1,000.
- There are a lot of items for the Friends Book Sale. The Book Sale takes place Thursday – Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Thursday and Friday, 9 AM - 5PM and Saturday, 9 AM - 2 PM. The Friends will also have a mini furniture rummage sale at Mae Adams garage (Brook Street) on Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

- The Friends once again collected school supplies to donate to Suring School and St. John's School in Hayes.
- There is also going to be a furniture rummage sale Labor Day weekend (Friday and Saturday, 8/30 & 31) on the corner of Brook and Mill Street.
- Friends meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 5 PM.
- **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 received a donation of travel booklets and they are now available to peruse in the library.
- Develop and implement a weeding schedule to keep up-to-date with the ever-changing needs/wants of library patrons.**
 - We have now decided to weed at least twice a year.
- **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 flower garden has now been removed and grass planted, which is coming along very nicely.

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