

November, 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.

- I attended the Annual WLA Conference at the KI Center in Green Bay November 5th – 8th.
Some of the Breakout Sessions:
“Beyond the Flannel”; Get inspired to take your storytime to the next level with activities that go beyond the "5 Little" flannel board stories.
“Library Board Appointments and Composition”; We'll review what those requirements are, discuss how to achieve and maintain compliance, and consider the potential consequences of non-compliance.
“Hello Book Seek? Goodbye Dewey! : Developing an Alphabet-Based Cataloging System for Youth Nonfiction Collections”; Learn how the Whitefish Bay Public Library reorganized its youth nonfiction collection and be inspired to reorganize your own. Reorganizing nonfiction collections can make it easier for children to find the materials they need as well as promote equity and inclusion.
“Luncheon Keynote”: Symptoms of Suspense: From Nursing to Noir (with Author Amy Pease); Author Amy Pease shares her path from healthcare provider to novelist and how her medical experiences inform the plot, character, and relationships in her Wisconsin-set mystery thriller, Northwoods.
“Reaching More Readers with Libby”; This session will share the tips and context that you need to help you teach and promote this wildly popular resource with your patrons. This information will be especially useful to front-line staff who find themselves answering patron questions or providing app assistance, as well as anyone who hasn't used Libby before or isn't confident in their knowledge.
“Innovative Intersections: Exploring Mixed-Use Spaces in Modern Libraries”; Delve into the transformative power of mixed-use library spaces, where traditional functions blend seamlessly with dynamic, multipurpose areas.
- There was an Oconto County Library Services Board meeting on Wednesday, 11/20/24 in Gillett. All 6 Oconto County Directors were in attendance and gave reports. The Library Planning Committee gave an update on reviewing the 5 Year Plan each year. They will have a meeting the middle of next year.

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

- I have begun setting up entertainers for the 2025 Summer Reading Program. We are again planning on having 3 or 4 performers.
- There will be a Bug Tussel class in December, “News Literacy”. The class is FREE.
- The Library gave out all 25 “Science In A Bag” kits during the Wisconsin Science Festival which took place October 14-20. The families were asked to complete a questionnaire that was included and turn it in by November 1st.
- Dinosaur Dimensions will be at the library on Tuesday, 11/26/24 at 10 AM in the Learning Center. This event is FREE and open to the public.

- Sam is having a Stuffy Sleepover on Monday, 11/25/24, beginning at 4:30 PM. The stuffed animals are going to have a sleepover in the library. You can bring in your stuffy and they will listen to a story, have a snack and settle down for the night. You can login to the library Facebook page and watch all the fun the stuffies have overnight. On Tuesday, when you come in for Dino Dimensions, you'll be able to pick up your stuffy.
- The Village Hall and Library will again have their Holiday Vendor & Craft Open House on Friday and Saturday, 12/6 & 12/7 in the Learning Center and Library. It's a great chance to shop local for the holidays.
- The Village Hall and Library will also have their Annual Gingerbread House Contest. Registration and guidelines are now available at the Village Hall or Library.
- I am in the process of setting up a bread making class with one of our patrons, who will teach the class.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

- The Friends are having a potluck dinner in December. They have also given the library a generous monetary donation toward books and supplies.
- 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 have started pulling Christmas books from our shelves to put on display in the library for the holidays.
- 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.

- We have created a new section for Children Nonfiction Graphic Novels.

- **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 has begun leaking again. Kim G. will be talking with her Grounds Committee and setting up a meeting. I will let our Committee know when that meeting is.

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