

July, 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.

- Stop in the library and fill out a postcard telling us why you feel libraries are important. In March, an executive order was signed which led to the shutdown of the Institute for Museum and Library Service (IMLS). This federal agency provides funding to museums and libraries nationwide. Without IMLS funding, many libraries will struggle to maintain essential services like Interlibrary Loans, Badgerlink Access, Workforce Dev. Programs, Tech. Upgrades and more. The postcard you fill out will be sent to The Milwaukee County Federated Library System who will then send the postcards to elected officials. Support our libraries!
- I attended the Town of Bagley and Village of Suring Board Meetings to give a report on the library.
- We have Blood Borne Pathogen refresher training on Tuesday morning, July 29th in Bonduel.
- 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.**

- We had Rondini's Bombastic Bubble Show at Veteran's Park on Tuesday, June 17th. There were over 75 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the bubbles! Our next entertainer was Dragon Training Academy on June 24th. Realistic looking animatronic dragons will be there. Watch as inventor & time traveler Brock Barnabas visits the present time to recruit some adventurous kids to travel back to the Medieval times. On July 8th we had "Great Scott It Must Be Magic" and on July 15th we had J & R Aquatic Animal Rescue.
- InfoSoup Library Road Trip is on now September 1st (Labor Day). Participants can pick up a map booklet at any participating InfoSoup library. Visit any of the participating libraries and get your booklet stamped. For every 10 stamps or codes collected, patrons go to an InfoSoup member library and get an entry form to fill out. Drawing takes place September 22, 2025.
- We have our State Park Pass Program going on all year.
- Tuesday, August 5th is National Night Out from 6 – 8 PM at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Summer Reading Program is still going on and there is always time to read!
- Samantha and I have started discussing the library having a Trivia Night at one of our local establishments.

- **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 Bridge Ice Cream Social and Brat fry that takes place July 20, from 10 AM – 2 PM. There will be burgers, brats, pie and ice cream, soda, water and visiting with everyone there. This event is held on the old Suring Bridge.

- The Friends have contributed \$1,580 to cover the cost of our entertainers for the Summer Reading Program.
- **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 be adding Phonics materials to our collection as schools and homeschool moms have inquiring about it. We have already received 3 kits.
 - 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.
 - We are hoping that our foyer and hallways will soon be painted. It has been a busy summer for all.
 - Bontrager will be coming to check out one of our windows on the Northeast side of the building within the next couple of weeks. We will hopefully get a quote from them.

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